

287.6
M569 mi
v. 68

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LIBRARY

JUN 18 1915

SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION

MINUTES

OF THE

BOOKSTACKS OFFICE

Michigan Annual Conference

BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D., LL. D., President
E. A. ARMSTRONG, Secretary

Methodist
Episcopal
Church

Sept. 23 to 28 **1903** Jackson, Mich.

Price, 15 Cents



"Songs of the Century"

Everybody likes that splendid book by the popular editor of "THE FINEST OF THE WHEAT." 5,000 of our churches are using it. One recent day's sales (a record-breaker) were nearly 12,000 copies. Sample copy, best cloth binding, also ten copies sample pages of same, suitable for an evening song service, only 25 cents, postpaid. Do not select a book until you have seen it.

GEO. D. ELDERKIN PUBLISHING CO.
57 WASHINGTON ST. CHICAGO



Pulpit Furniture

Sunday School Seating, Communion Tables, Pew and Choir Screens, Altar Rails and other supplies necessary for the audience room.

Send for Catalogue and let us figure with you.

GLOBE FURNITURE CO., Ltd.

5 PLYMOUTH AVENUE.

NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN.

Are You Still Debating Whether You Can Afford A TYPEWRITER Or Not?

We Take it for Granted that
You Realize the Need of One



IF you are not already acquainted with the Fox Typewriter, let us acquaint you with it; it is the only machine you should think of purchasing. There is ample reason for this. In the first place there is not another typewriter manufactured that is as good as the Fox, and in the second place no other manufacturers will make as liberal concessions to Clergymen. These are sufficient reasons why you should at least *examine* "The Fox."



*Catalogue and full information regarding
free trial plan, on request.*

FOX TYPEWRITER CO., Ltd.
Grand Rapids, Michigan



GREENWOOD AVE. M. E. CHURCH, JACKSON, MICH.

CLAIRE ALLEN, Architect, Jackson, Michigan

Correspondence Solicited



Tiger Oil Cures

Have you used it? If not, why not? All who use it talk of its wonderful power over pain and disease.

Ask your druggist for it and take nothing else. He can buy it of his wholesaler, or of DR. JNO. LEESON, Cadillac, Michigan.

Testimonials and instructions with each bottle, or on application to DR. LEESON.

Extract from an Address by President Edmund J. James of Northwestern University, Evanston-Chicago

"The old-time Methodist preacher was one of the most active and efficient agents in behalf of higher education to be found in any community. I remember very well when my father threw his saddle-bags across his horse for a long circuit ride through the wilds of Illinois, he had not only the things that were indispensable for his bodily comfort, but he took with him a good book or two, with some announcements of other books, and before he came back he took pains to see that these books and the announcements of other books were planted in some Methodist family where they might spring up and bring forth fruit, some twenty fold, some sixty fold, and some one hundred fold.

"But he was not content with this limited activity. He made it a point to study the young people in his own congregation and in other congregations of the neighborhoods which he visited, and selecting the best boys, the most hopeful individuals, he would leave no stone unturned to persuade them to go to school, first to an academy or preparatory school and then to college. And so he was a vigorous, active educational force in every community which he entered.

"The modern Methodist preacher is in a position to be a still more active and aggressive force on behalf of higher education than was his predecessor of sixty years ago; and there is just as much need of searching out the very best talent in his own congregation and in the congregations of his neighbors and urging its possessor to qualify himself by the very best education he can obtain for the highest and most useful service. *Are you doing that work to-day, with as much earnestness and vigor as your predecessors did two generations ago?*

"If you know of any capable, industrious, and serious young man or young woman who would like to have a general education of academic or college grade, or if you know of any young people who wish to study law or medicine or dentistry or pharmacy or theology or music, or who wish to prepare themselves for efficient service as teachers of language and literature or science or philosophy or history, or who wish to become engineers, do not hesitate to turn their attention in our direction. We believe we have the very best facilities in all of these departments.

"We do not care for incompetent or indifferent or immoral students—let such go to the institutions which care more for numbers than for quality. We wish only the best. We are aiming to make Northwestern University not only the leading Methodist university in the country, but one of the leading universities of the world. No intelligent or thoughtful American citizen would make out even now a list of the ten leading American universities without including Northwestern University in the number, and we are naturally desirous of having it stand as high in that list of ten as possible. You can help us by sending us the very best quality of students and by directing the attention of your friends and acquaintances who are able to give money, to the desirability of equipping at least one Methodist university in such a way as to put it fully on a par with the very best institutions in this country or Europe."

For information address:

UNIVERSITY EXAMINER

Room C, Northwestern University Building
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

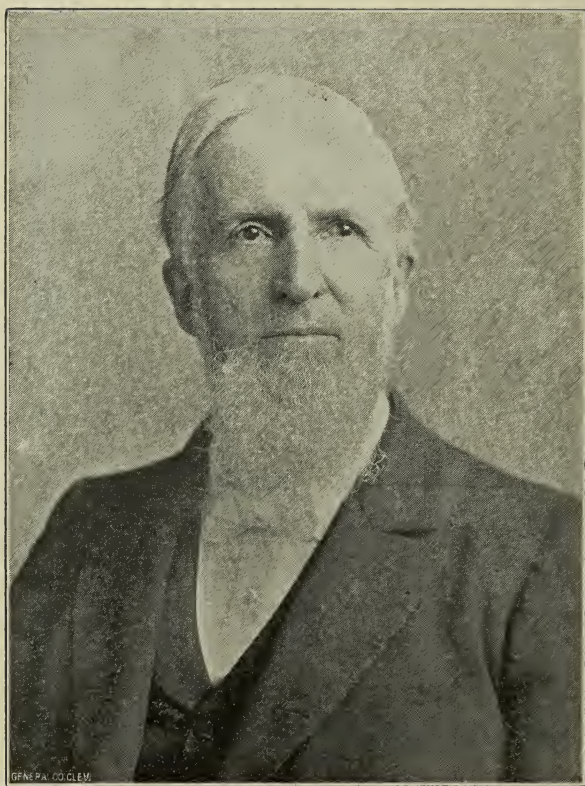
The Twelve Patriarchs



JOHN H. PITEZEL, born April 18, 1814
RILEY C. CRAWFORD, born January 27, 1817.
HORATIO P. HENDERSON, born September 26, 1824.
ALFRED A. DUNTON, born February 8, 1825.
ANDREW J. ELDRED, born March 20, 1826.
ISAAC B. TALLMAN, born November 7, 1827.
SHUBALL P. HEWITT, born January 16, 1828.
DANIEL S. HAVILAND, born February 5, 1828.
GEORGE W. HOWE, born April 26, 1828.
J. N. DAYTON, born May 1, 1828.
B. H. WHITMAN, born June 1, 1828.
NELSON L. BROCKWAY, born July 27, 1828.



*"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be
found in the way of righteousness." Prov. 16:31.*



Cyrus B. Foss

JUN 18 1915

MINUTES

OF THE

Michigan Annual Conference

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church

SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION

JACKSON, MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER 23-28

1903

BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D. LL. D., President
E. A. ARMSTRONG, Secretary

The Journal, as printed in these Annual Minutes, is by action of the
Conference made the official record of the proceedings
of the Michigan Annual Conference.

E. A. ARMSTRONG,
Secretary.

PRICE, FIFTEEN CENTS

Conference Officers.

President,

BISHOP CYRUS D. FOSS, D. D., LL. D.,
2043 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary,

EDWARD A. ARMSTRONG,
Cadillac, Mich.

Assistant Secretaries,

W. A. TAYLOR, J. W. FOY, D. E. REED, J. R. WOOTON.

Statistician,

G. S. ROBINSON,
Quincy, Mich.

Assistant Statisticians,

Albion District	A. A. GEIGER, G. R. MILLARD.
Big Rapids District	O. F. BULMAN, E. W. DAVIS.
Grand Rapids District	JOHN DOBSON, W. F. GLASS.
Grand Traverse District	R. E. YOST, H. H. HARRIS.
Kalamazoo District	T. H. LEAMON, P. R. KEPLINGER, F. M. COTTRELL.
Lansing District	A. W. SIMMONS, H. E. WYLIE.
Niles District	J. C. NEWCOMER, H. A. LYON.

Treasurer — W. F. KENDRICK, Greenville, Mich.

Assistant Treasurers,

G. K. FAIRBANK, R. J. FREEMAN, J. B. PEATLING, C. E. POLLOCK, L. H. MANNING.

Biographical Secretary — G. A. ODLUM.

Conference Trustees.

Officers for 1903 & 1904.

President — W. A. FRYE.

Vice-President — R. A. WRIGHT.

Secretary — N. L. BRAY.

Treasurer — M. M. CALLEN.

Investment Committce — L. E. LENNON, E. G. LEWIS, W. P. FRENCH.

Conference Committees.

- Auditing.**
E. O. MATHER. J. C. NEWCOMER. J. C. UPTON.
- Bible Cause.**
W. W. LAMPORT. W. A. EXNER. G. J. PORTER.
- Book Concern Accounts.**
J. J. YOST. E. R. LYON. W. F. GLASS.
- Church Extension.**
H. L. POTTER. C. L. BARNHART. H. V. WADE.
H. E. WILEY. THOMAS LAITY.
- Conference Claimants.**
JOHN GRAHAM. G. W. GOSLING. E. W. DAVIS. A. W. BURNS.
L. W. CALKINS. J. N. DAYTON. F. J. FREEMAN.
- Conference Relations.**
D. F. BARNES. W. J. WILSON. J. W. HALLENBECK. A. J. WHEELER.
J. B. PINCKARD. G. W. TUTHILL. A. F. NAGLER.
- Delegates to Fraternal Bodies.**
PASTORS WHERE FRATERNAL BODIES MEET.
- District Conference Records.**
J. H. WILCOX. J. GULICK. J. C. DIETRICK.
- Education.**
R. S. MCGREGOR. J. W. SHEEHAN. L. H. MANNING. HUGH KENNEDY.
GEORGE BULLEN. L. A. SEVITS. J. W. HALLENBECK.
- Epworth League.**
S. C. ROBINSON. W. I. ELMER. R. H. BREADY.
F. J. BRYAN. H. A. LYON.
- Freedman's Aid and Southern Education.**
W. I. COGSHALL. G. L. MOUNT. G. A. BROWN.
J. F. PESCHMAN. QUINTON WALKER.
- Memoirs.**
A. M. GOULD. D. C. RIEHL. J. P. DURHAM. G. A. ODLUM.
R. W. VAN SCHOICK. WILLIAM JUDD. J. M. WOLFE.
- Periodicals.**
W. S. WOODHULL. MATTHEW MULLEN. W. J. DOUGLASS.
- Public Worship.**
PRESIDING ELDERS AND PASTORS WHERE CONFERENCE IS HELD.
- Publication of Minutes.**
SECRETARY AND STATISTICIAN.
- Sabbath Observance.**
E. G. LEWIS. R. A. WRIGHT. C. L. KEENE.
W. A. ROBINSON. A. W. SIMMONS.
- State of the Church.**
T. H. M. COGHLAN. F. M. COTTRELL. E. F. NEWELL. ORA F. BULMAN.
- Sunday School and Tracts.**
A. H. MCCOMB. J. C. DEVINEY. C. L. BEEBE.
- Temperance.**
J. T. LE GEAR. EDWIN TENCH. D. E. REED. J. W. HART.
N. F. JENKINS. E. E. HARRING. J. C. COOK.

Conference Boards.

Board of Trustees.

M. M. CALLEN, W. P. FRENCH, W. A. FRYE.
N. L. BRAY, L. E. LENNOX, E. G. LEWIS,
W. M. PUFFER, W. J. HATHAWAY, R. A. WRIGT.

Board of Stewards.

Chairman—D. C. REIHL. *Secretary*—J. W. DAVIDS.

Treasurer—L. N. PATTISON.

Term to Expire in 1904—J. W. DAVIDS, A. T. FERGUSON, A. H. COORS.

Term to Expire in 1905—J. P. DURHAM, J. W. BUELL, F. A. CHAPMAN.

Term to Expire in 1906—A. H. STURGIS, J. A. BREADY, I. T. WELDON.

Term to Expire in 1907—L. N. PATTISON, A. T. LUTHER, E. L. SINCLAIR.

Board of Examiners.

E. A. ARMSTRONG, W. A. FRYE, A. F. NAGLER, W. P. FRENCH, R. A. WRIGHT,
CHARLES NEASE, W. H. B. URCH, L. E. LOVEJOY, J. R. WOOTON, L. E.
LENNOX, THOMAS COX, W. M. PUFFER, M. L. FOX, W. L. LAUFMAN
W. H. PHELPS, T. H. M. COGHLAN, J. F. PESCHMAN.

Board of Control of the Deaconess Home.

JOHN GRAHAM, E. G. LEWIS, N. L. BRAY, MRS. A. A. KNAPPEN,
LOUIS DELAMARTER, MRS. J. W. ALDRICH, P. J. MAVEETY,
MRS. J. C. RICKENBAUGH, W. M. PUFFER.

Conference Board of Church Extension.

President—JOHN GRAHAM. *Vice-President*—J. C. RICKENBAUGH.

Secretary—THOMAS COX.

Treasurer—E. G. LEWIS.

Additional Members—S. J. THROP, J. H. GRANT, EARL STOKEY, DR. A. A.
LAWRASON, W. W. BARKUS, H. A. POTTER.

Board of Church Location.

Albion District.

Chairman, Presiding Elder.

J. T. LE GEAR.

DELOS CRONK,

W. H. B. URCH,

W. J. BLOOD.

W. W. DEAN.

W. J. WEBSTER.

Grand Rapids District.

Chairman, Presiding Elder.

THOMAS COX.

J. H. WILCOX,

W. F. GLASS.

W. W. BARCUS.

JAMES GEE.

W. E. KNOX,

Big Rapids District.

Chairman, Presiding Elder.

G. W. MAXWELL.

C. A. BROWN.

J. W. HALLENBECK.

R. E. WEBSTER.

J. C. HOLDEN.

A. B. KNAPP.

Kalamazoo District.

Chairman, Presiding Elder.

J. B. PINCKARD,

F. M. TAYLOR.

A. M. GOULD.

J. W. ROSE.

J. M. DAVIS.

M. J. BIGELOW.

Grand Traverse District.*Chairman, Presiding Elder.*

W. L. LAUFMAN.

P. E. WHITMAN.

A. F. NAGLER.

E. J. FULGHAM.

F. B. MOORE.

W. H. WHITE.

Lansing District.*Chairman, Presiding Elder.*

W. P. FRENCH.

R. S. MCGREGOR.

J. C. COOK.

C. R. CULVER.

H. A. POTTER.

F. W. SPENCER.

Niles District.*Chairman, Presiding Elder.*

L. E. LENNOX,

A. T. FERGUSON,

E. L. SINCLEIR,

S. B. SCHROMTE.

S. M. WHITE.

SAMUEL JOHNSON.

Conference Societies.

Epworth League.*President*—W. H. PHELPS.*Vice-President*—THOMAS LAITY.*Secretary*—P. R. KEPLINGER.*Treasurer*—C. L. KEENE.**Freedman's Aid and Southern Education.***President*—E. L. SINCLEIR.*Vice-President*—A. O. CARMEN.*Secretary*—C. E. DEAL.*Treasurer*—G. K. FAIRBANKS.**Methodist Ministers' Relief Association.***President*—J. P. DURHAM.*Secretary*—J. C. BEACH.**Missionary Society.***President*—A. T. LUTHER.*Vice-President*—J. W. SHEEHAN.*Secretary*—J. R. WOOTON.*Treasurer*—W. F. KENDRICK.**Temperance Society.***President*—ADAM CLARK.*Vice-President*—JOHN DOBSON.*Secretary*—D. E. REED.*Treasurer*—W. F. KENDRICK.**Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.***President*—MRS. LOIS L. FELKER, Grand Rapids.*Corresponding Secretary*—MRS. C. B. CARPENTER, Grand Rapids.*Recording Secretary*—MRS. O. H. PERRY, Galesburg.*Treasurer*—MRS. W. S. KEETS, Battle Creek.**Woman's Home Missionary Society.***President Emeritus*—MRS. A. A. KNAPPEN, Albion.*President*—MRS. J. W. HALLENBECK, Reed City.*Corresponding Secretary*—MRS. LEVI MASTER, Grand Rapids.*Recording Secretary*—MRS. J. W. ROSE, Kalamazoo, Mich.*Treasurer*—MRS. DELOS FALL, Albion.

Miscellaneous.

Delegates to General Conference, 1904.

M. M. CALLEN, J. H. POTTS, M. D. CARREL, L. DELAMARTER, P. J. MAVEETY,
JAMES HAMILTON, W. I. COGSHALL, JOHN GRAHAM.

Reserves—G. D. CHASE, N. L. BRAY, L. E. LOVEJOY.

Lay Delegates.

SAMUEL DICKIE, Albion; MRS. LOTTIE E. VALENTINE, Breckenridge; ARCHIBALD BUTTARS, Charlevoix; DELOS FALL, Albion; WESLEY SEARS, Jackson; W. D. FARLEY, Battle Creek; DR. I. S. MORRIS, Belding; JULIUS BERKEY, Grand Rapids.
Reserves—MRS. FRANCIS W. SMITH, Hastings; S. J. THROP, Big Rapids; JAMES M. DAVIS, Kalamazoo.

Trustees and Visitors to Colleges.

Trustees of Albion College—L. E. LOVEJOY, DAVID ERWIN.

Visitors to Albion College—J. W. DAVIDS, W. P. MOSHER.

Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute—J. A. BREADY, one year; A. J. WHEELER, two years.

Visitors to Woman's College of Baltimore—R. S. MCGREGOR, THOMAS COX.

Visitors to Boston University—W. L. LAUFMAN, J. C. NEWCOMER.

Advisory Council of Wesleyan Guild—D. D. MARTIN, W. M. PUFFER.

Trustee to Northwestern University—E. G. LEWIS.

Trustees of Michigan State Holiness Camp Meeting Association.

R. E. MEADER,

W. A. FRYE.

Trustees Anti-Saloon League.

D. F. BARNES.

L. DE LAMARTER.

Triers of Appeals.

DELOS CRONK, J. I. BUELL, J. W. HALLENBECK, W. L. LAUFMAN.
R. E. MEADER, W. J. WILSON, G. W. GOSLING.

Treasurer of American University Fund.

M. M. CALLEN.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.

M. L. FOX.

Alternate—P. J. MAVEETY.

District Missionary Secretaries.

Albion District	G. S. ROBINSON
Big Rapids District	W. F. KENDRICK
Grand Rapids District	L. E. LOVEJOY
Grand Traverse District	HUGH KENNEDY
Kalamazoo District	J. W. FOY
Lansing District	J. R. WOOTON
Niles District	J. C. NEWCOMER

Sessions of the Michigan Annual Conference

From Its Organization to the Present Time.

TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
September 7, 1836..	Mansfield, Ohio.....	J. Soule.....	H. O. Sheldon.
September 6, 1837..	Detroit, Mich.....	R. R. Roberts.....	Edward Thomson.
September 5, 1838..	Tiffin, Ohio.....	Beverley Waugh.....	Edward Thomson.
September 4, 1839..	Ann Arbor, Mich.....	J. Soule.....	Edward Thomson.
August 19, 1840..	Marshall, Mich.....	E. Hedding.....	H. Colclazer.
September 15, 1841..	White Pigeon, Mich.....	R. R. Roberts.....	H. Colclazer.
August 17, 1842..	Adrian, Mich.....	T. A. Morris.....	H. Colclazer.
August 16, 1843..	Ann Arbor, Mich.....	J. Soule.....	J. S. Harrison.
October 2, 1844..	Coldwater, Mich.....	L. L. Hamline.....	H. Colclazer.
September 10, 1845..	Detroit, Mich.....	E. S. Janes.....	H. Colclazer.
September 23, 1846..	Marshall, Mich.....	E. S. Janes.....	H. Colclazer.
September 15, 1847..	Ypsilanti, Mich.....	T. A. Morris.....	E. H. Pilcher.
September 6, 1848..	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	E. S. Janes.....	E. H. Pilcher.
September 5, 1849..	Adrian, Mich.....	L. L. Hamline.....	E. H. Pilcher.
September 4, 1850..	Albion, Mich.....	T. A. Morris.....	E. H. Pilcher.
September 3, 1851..	Monroe, Mich.....	T. A. Morris.....	E. H. Pilcher.
September 15, 1852..	Niles, Mich.....	Levi Scott.....	E. H. Pilcher.
September 14, 1853..	Detroit, Mich.....	Beverley Waugh.....	E. H. Pilcher.
September 13, 1854..	Ann Arbor, Mich.....	O. C. Baker.....	T. C. Gardner.
September 5, 1855..	Flint, Mich.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. C. Gardner.
October 1, 1856..	Coldwater, Mich.....	T. A. Morris.....	R. C. Crawford.
September 16, 1857..	Lansing, Mich.....	Beverley Waugh.....	R. C. Crawford.
September 15, 1858..	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	E. R. Ames.....	R. C. Crawford.
September 14, 1859..	Marshall, Mich.....	E. S. Janes.....	R. C. Crawford.
September 27, 1860..	Ionia, Mich.....	M. Simpson.....	T. H. Sinex.
October 2, 1861..	Battle Creek, Mich.....	F. R. Ames.....	T. H. Sinex.
October 1, 1862..	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	L. Scott.....	T. H. Sinex.
September 23, 1863..	Jackson, Mich.....	M. Simpson.....	T. H. Sinex.
September 28, 1864..	Niles, Mich.....	O. C. Baker.....	J. W. Robinson.
September 13, 1865..	Albion, Mich.....	E. R. Ames.....	L. R. Fiske.
September 6, 1866..	Hillsdale, Mich.....	M. Simpson.....	A. A. Dunton.
September 11, 1867..	Lansing, Mich.....	D. W. Clark.....	M. B. Camburn.
September 3, 1868..	Three Rivers, Mich.....	E. R. Ames.....	M. B. Camburn.
September 15, 1869..	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	L. Scott.....	M. B. Camburn.
August 31, 1870..	Coldwater, Mich.....	D. W. Clark.....	M. B. Camburn.
September 13, 1871..	St. Joseph, Mich.....	N. J. Janes.....	M. B. Camburn.
September 18, 1872..	Jackson, Mich.....	E. R. Ames.....	J. I. Buell.
September 10, 1873..	Ionia, Mich.....	I. W. Wiley.....	J. I. Buell.
September 9, 1874..	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	M. Simpson.....	G. B. Jocelyn.
September 8, 1875..	Battle Creek, Mich.....	L. Scott.....	G. B. Jocelyn.
September 13, 1876..	Niles, Mich.....	G. Haven.....	G. B. Jocelyn.
September 5, 1877..	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	S. M. Merrill.....	A. R. Boggs.
September 4, 1878..	Three Rivers, Mich.....	J. T. Peck.....	A. R. Boggs.
September 10, 1879..	Ionia, Mich.....	R. S. Foster.....	H. M. Joy.
September 15, 1880..	Muskegon, Mich.....	T. Bowman.....	H. M. Joy.
August 31, 1881..	Jackson, Mich.....	R. S. Foster.....	H. M. Joy.
September 6, 1882..	Coldwater, Mich.....	E. G. Andrews.....	W. I. Cogshall.
September 5, 1883..	Albion, Mich.....	W. L. Harris.....	W. I. Cogshall.
September 10, 1884..	Lansing, Mich.....	W. X. Ninde.....	W. I. Cogshall.
September 24, 1885..	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	H. W. Warren.....	W. I. Cogshall.
September 15, 1886..	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	J. F. Hurst.....	W. I. Cogshall.
September 7, 1887..	Bay View, Mich.....	W. X. Ninde.....	I. R. A. Wightman.
September 5, 1888..	St. Joseph, Mich.....	S. M. Merrill.....	James W. Reid.
September 11, 1889..	Greenville, Mich.....	Cyrus D. Foss.....	James W. Reid.
September 10, 1890..	Muskegon, Mich.....	E. G. Andrews.....	W. I. Cogshall.
September 9, 1891..	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	J. P. Newman.....	W. I. Cogshall.
September 14, 1892..	Hillsdale, Mich.....	C. H. Fowler.....	P. J. Maveety.
September 6, 1893..	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	T. Bowman.....	P. J. Maveety.
September 12, 1894..	Jackson, Mich.....	W. F. Mallalieu.....	P. J. Maveety.
September 18, 1895..	Albion, Mich.....	John F. Hurst.....	P. J. Maveety.
September 16, 1896..	Lansing, Mich.....	John M. Walden.....	P. J. Maveety.
September 15, 1897..	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	John H. Vincent.....	P. J. Maveety.
September 14, 1898..	Lansing, Mich.....	S. M. Merrill.....	M. M. Callen.
September 13, 1899..	Ionia, Mich.....	C. H. Fowler.....	M. M. Callen.
September 12, 1900..	Battle Creek, Mich.....	D. A. Goodsell.....	M. M. Callen.
September 11, 1901..	Muskegon, Mich.....	H. W. Warren.....	M. M. Callen.
September 17, 1902..	Traverse City, Mich.....	J. N. Fitzgerald.....	M. M. Callen.
September 23, 1903..	Jackson, Mich.....	Cyrus D. Foss.....	E. A. Armstrong.

Deceased Members of the Conference.

NAME.	BORN.		DIED.		ENTERED REGULAR MINISTRY.	
	WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	WHERE	JOINED MICH. CONFERENCE	
Dan Barnes.....	1785	.....	Sept. 8, 1846.....	Brownstone, Mich.....	1837.....	Genesee.....1810
Shadrack Ruark.....	.....	.....	May 17, 1846.....	Lawrenceville, Ill.....	Orig. mem. 1836.....	Ohio.....1813
Jonathan E. Chaplin.....	1789	Chaplin, Conn.....	Sept. 15, 1846.....	White Pigeon, Mich.....	1841.....	Michigan.....1834
Thomas Fox.....	May 17 1817.....	New York City.....	Aug. 30, 1847.....	Northville, ".....	1836.....	".....1841
Allen Staples.....	July 15, 1810.....	Cheshire, Mass.....	Oct. 20, 1847.....	Albion, ".....	1840.....	".....1836
Gideon J. Shurtleff.....	July 9, 1812.....	Verona, N. Y.....	Feb. 28, 1849.....	Richmond, ".....	1837.....	Genesee.....1840
Joshiah Brakeman.....	.....	.....	July 19, 1849.....	Ann Arbor, ".....	1849.....	Genesee.....1830
Octavius Mason.....	Sept., 1795.....	Newham, England.....	Oct. 5, 1850.....	Earlington, ".....	1838.....	Genesee.....1834
George King.....	Jan. 14, 1816.....	.....	Oct. 27, 1850.....	Wayne, ".....	1845.....	Michigan.....1817
John Erkenbrack.....	April 1790.....	Rose, N. Y.....	May 7, 1852.....	Bronson, ".....	1850.....	Michigan.....1845
Judson D. Collins.....	1824.....	.....	May 12, 1852.....	Lyndon, ".....	1844.....	".....1850
Lee McQuigg.....	1827.....	Shoreham, Vt.....	Oct. 15, 1853.....	Skiawasse, ".....	1844.....	".....1844
Nelson Barnum.....	Jan. 12, 1811.....	Washington Co., N. Y.....	Aug. 5, 1854.....	Troy, N. Y.....	1848.....	Vermont.....1841
Clark T. Hinman.....	Aug. 3, 1819.....	Chautauqua Co., N. Y.....	Oct. 21, 1854.....	Farmington, Mich.....	1848.....	Michigan.....1848
Ransom Goodale.....	1818.....	.....	Aug. 8, 1855.....	Pennington, ".....	1852.....	".....1852
I. J. Whitmore.....	1829.....	.....	Aug. 12, 1855.....	Osseo, ".....	1853.....	".....1853
Seth B. Finch.....	1829.....	.....	March 6, 1857.....	.....	.....	.....
George Bignell.....	.....	.....	Dec. 31, 1858.....	Grand Rapids, ".....	.....	Michigan.....1835
John K. Gillett.....	Feb. 21, 1817.....	Hopewell, N. Y.....	June 27, 1860.....	Shiloh, Tenn.....	1835.....	A. Wesleyan Ch. 1835
Newland Cleveland.....	1816.....	Pennsylvania.....	May 7, 1862.....	Tekonsia, Mich.....	1859.....	Michigan.....1845
Samuel O. Osborn.....	.....	.....	May 14, 1862.....	Hillsdale, ".....	1841.....	".....1841
Wm. C. Comfort.....	.....	.....	June 15, 1862.....	Northport, ".....	1860.....	".....1860
Amos Besant.....	.....	.....	Jan. 16, 1863.....	.....	.....	.....
Oscar F. Chase.....	1826.....	Burlington, N. Y.....	Oct. 17, 1863.....	Nashville, Tenn. army.....	1860.....	Michigan.....1862
W. I. Flowers.....	Jan. 19, 1835.....	.....	Jan. 10, 1865.....	Sun Lake, Mich.....	1860.....	".....1860
Peter Greensky.....	1807.....	.....	April 8, 1866.....	Mosherville, ".....	1841.....	".....1841
Hiram Law.....	Sept. 4, 1816.....	Leroy, N. Y.....	Sept. 9, 1866.....	Battle Creek ".....	1842.....	".....1842
Joseph Jennings.....	Jan. 8, 1821.....	Clarkston, N. Y.....	May 23, 1867.....	Litchfield, ".....	Orig. mem. 1836.....	New York.....1822
Elijah Crane.....	1801.....	Pethel, Vt.....	April 23, 1868.....	Woodland, ".....	1862.....	.....1840
A. L. Hoag.....	1832.....	Toga Co., N. Y.....	Dec. 4, 1869.....	.....	.....	Michigan.....1840
David Thomas.....	1812.....	.....	Jan. 11, 1870.....	New York City.....	1838.....	Michigan.....1838
William Hoyt.....	.....	.....	Sept. 26, 1870.....	Sherman, Mich.....	1846.....	".....1846
George Bradley.....	May 31, 1810.....	Hopewell, N. Y.....	April 15, 1871.....	Greenbush, ".....	1850.....	Troy.....1842
Myron B. Camburn.....	Nov. 8, 1820.....	Rootstown, Ohio.....	March 28, 1872.....	Pa. Pa., ".....	1851.....	Michigan.....1841
Wm. McKnight.....	April 7, 1815.....	Greenville, N. Y.....	Oct. 21, 1872.....	Litchfield, ".....	1858.....	".....1838
Wm. Ford.....	Oct. 28, 1821.....	New Hampshire.....	Dec. 14, 1872.....	Curtville, ".....	1858.....	".....1838
Jesse E. McAllister.....	1824.....	Connecticut.....	March 4, 1873.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	1859.....	F. W. Baptist Church.....1869
Edgar Beard.....	Oct. 29, 1830.....	Mt. Vernon, Ohio.....	May 5, 1873.....	Denver, Col.....	1860.....	Michigan.....1868
Resin Sapp.....	Feb., 1816.....	.....	Sept. 10, 1873.....	Pewamo, Mich.....	1868.....	".....1863
James L. Child.....	.....	.....	Dec. 24, 1873.....	Lyons, Mich.....	1863.....	New England.....1816
Lyman C. Austin.....	July 3, 1846.....	Macon, Mich.....	Sept. 2, 1874.....	Homer, Mich.....	1839.....	.....
George L. Gilbert.....	1830.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	Oct. 1, 1874.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson Gray.....	Oct. 1, 1835.....	Armagh, Ireland.....	Dec. 19, 1874.....	.....	.....	.....
Benjamin Sabin.....	March 1, 1790.....	Thompson, Conn.....	Feb. 17, 1875.....	.....	.....	.....

Deceased Members of the Conference—Continued.

BORN.	WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	DIED.	WHERE	JOINED MICH. CONFERENCE	ENTERED REGULAR MINISTRY.
James E. Bayless.....	Sept. 18, 1841.....	Wales, N. Y.	Oct. 5, 1875.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1875.....	Michigan	.....1875
Nathan Mount.....	1821.....	Harrisburg, W. Va.	Feb. 8, 1876.....	Berrien Springs, "	1841.....	Michigan	.....1841
Larmon Chaffed.....	.....	Windham, N. Y.	July 23, 1876.....	Portland, "	Orig. mem. 1836..	Ohio	.....1843
Henry Penfield.....	Nov. 30, 1813.....	Westmoreland, N. Y.	Jan. 19, 1877.....	Three Rivers, "	1843.....	Michigan	.....1843
George B. Jorelyn.....	Jan. 3, 1824.....	New Haven, Conn.	Jan. 17, 1877.....	Albion, "	1875.....	Indiana	.....1843
James Bullin.....	Dec. 6, 1830.....	Starlington, Can.	May 9, 1877.....	Middleville, "	1875.....	M. E. Ch., Can.	.....1856
David Burns.....	.....	England	July 27, 1877.....	Albion, "	Orig. mem. 1836..	Ohio	.....1833
Joseph Jones.....	.....	Wester, N. Y.	Sept. 11, 1877.....	Baltimore, Md.	1866.....	Michigan	.....1861
Fred M. Dietz.....	.....	Glen Ross, Ont.	Nov. 4, 1877.....	Northport, Mich.	1866.....	"	.....1866
Samuel A. Phillips.....	July 14, 1837.....	Hope, Ont.	Jan. 13, 1878.....	Parkville, "	1869.....	"	.....1849
Samuel S. Wilson.....	July 21, 1835.....	Ogdensburg, N. Y.	Jan. 24, 1878.....	Caldwate, "	1871.....	Can. Wes'n Ch.	.....1846
Thomas Cleghorn.....	1821.....	Glenville, N. Y.	April 7, 1879.....	Caldwate, "	1873.....	Michigan	.....1843
Israel Cogshall.....	Sept. 22, 1820.....	Shoduck, N. Y.	June 8, 1879.....	Sturgis, "	1847.....	"	.....1847
Benj. F. Doughy.....	Nov. 11, 1824.....	"	Feb. 13, 1879.....	Union City, Mich.	1857.....	Michigan	.....1857
Wm. F. Jenkins.....	Aug. 11, 1826.....	Ridgeville, Conn.	Oct. 21, 1880.....	Panama, "	1857.....	"	.....1868
Moses F. Smith.....	May 17, 1845.....	Dansville, Mich.	Jan. 8, 1880.....	Panama, "	1857.....	"	.....1868
Wm. M. Ball.....	April 20, 1827.....	Washington, Ohio	Jan. 13, 1881.....	Hillards, "	1851.....	"	.....1851
James W. Robinson.....	Oct. 8, 1827.....	Lyons, N. Y.	Jan. 22, 1881.....	Albion, "	1851.....	"	.....1851
E. C. Chambers.....	1813.....	"	March 11, 1881.....	Victor, "	1854.....	"	.....1851
Henry Worthington.....	March 12, 1815.....	Springfield, Mass.	July 10, 1881.....	Dowagiac, "	1839.....	Indiana	.....1838
Otis L. Gibson.....	July 26, 1831.....	Pomfret, N. Y.	Nov. 14, 1881.....	Owego, "	1854.....	East Genesee.....	.....1852
Daniel D. Gillett.....	Dec. 21, 1818.....	Properwell, N. Y.	May 6, 1882.....	Hillsboro, Dakota	1854.....	Michigan	.....1854
Amos T. Gray.....	Aug. 1, 1838.....	Mercer Co., Pa.	May 17, 1882.....	Fowlerville, Mich.	1867.....	Wes'n Meth. Ch.	.....1828
Alvin Billins.....	Sept. 25, 1802.....	Conway, Mass.	July 6, 1882.....	Marquette, "	Orig. mem. 1836..	Ohio	.....1828
Wm. Bronson.....	April 12, 1822.....	Chatham, England	Feb. 22, 1883.....	Irving, "	1869.....	East Genesee.....	.....1852
Joseph Greenstead.....	March 10, 1855.....	Evanville, N. Y.	June 5, 1883.....	Litchfield, "	1877.....	Michigan	.....1877
Jeremy Boynton.....	Sept. 20, 1824.....	LeRoy, N. Y.	Sept. 1883.....	Stanton, "	1845.....	"	.....1845
Valmore G. Boynton.....	Jan. 22, 1818.....	Allegheeny Co., Pa.	Oct. 12, 1883.....	Attawan, "	1844.....	"	.....1844
Wm. E. Newlon.....	June 27, 1848.....	Chelsea, Vt.	July 11, 1884.....	Jackson, "	1875.....	Vermont.....	.....1875
Wm. D. Hemmingsway.....	Nov. 10, 1825.....	Coburg, Canada	April 19, 1884.....	Evansston, Ill.	1861.....	Michigan	.....1854
Thomas J. Congdon.....	Jan. 10, 1825.....	Middlebury, N. Y.	March 14, 1884.....	Niles, Mich.	1855.....	Michigan	.....1855
Horace Hall.....	Feb. 26, 1819.....	Rockport, Ind.	May 11, 1884.....	Valparaiso, Ind.	1842.....	New York East.....	.....1842
W. W. Elder.....	Jan. 30, 1843.....	Kent Co., England	May 20, 1885.....	Paw Paw, Mich.	1878.....	Michigan	.....1870
William Doust.....	Feb. 22, 1828.....	Alexandria, N. Y.	Aug. 31, 1885.....	Osseo, "	1855.....	"	.....1855
Wallace S. Foster.....	Oct. 9, 1851.....	Walworth, N. Y.	Oct. 21, 1885.....	Howell, Mich.	1882.....	"	.....1882
A. L. Crittenden.....	Nov. 14, 1814.....	Sherby, N. Y.	Nov. 7, 1885.....	Eaton Rapids, Mich.	1854.....	"	.....1854
Noah Fasset.....	Sept. 13, 1815.....	Vergennes, Vt.	Jan. 1, 1886.....	Colon, Mich.	1847.....	Indiana	.....1846
Franklin Gage.....	April, 1836.....	Yarm, England	Jan. 10, 1886.....	Casnovia, Mich.	1840.....	Michigan	.....1836
Andrew J. Van Wyck.....	Feb. 7, 1837.....	"	July 3, 1886.....	Elsie, Mich.	1857.....	"	.....1857
Stephen Nelson.....	.....	Portsmouth, Ont.	Sept. 30, 1886.....	Greencastle, Ind.	1880.....	"	.....1880
Henry M. Joy.....	April 11, 1848.....	Cherry Valley, N. Y.	Nov. 13, 1886.....	Nashville, Mich.	1859.....	Northern Ohio.....	.....1859
Elijah H. Disette.....	March 15, 1815.....	"	Jan. 8, 1887.....	Albion, Mich.	1883.....	Michigan	.....1883
Andrew M. Fitch.....	.....	"	.....	.....	1836.....	"	.....1836

Deceased Members of the Conference—Continued.

NAME.	BORN.		DIED.		ENTERED REGULAR MINISTRY.
	WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	WHERE	
James P. Force.	July 14, 1831.	Aurora, N. Y.	May 26, 1887.	Keelerville, Mich.	Northern Ind. 1860
James T. Robe.	April 12, 1807.	Woodbridge, N. J.	Jan. 31, 1888.	Kalamazoo, Mich.	Illinois 1832
Isaac Taylor.	July 30, 1823.	Chatham, Canada.	Oct. 3, 1888.	Dawson, Dakota.	Michigan 1849
Carmi C. Ambrose.	March 21, 1815.	Grandville, N. Y.	Nov. 22, 1888.	Lansing, Mich.	Michigan 1849
John C. Olds.	Sept. 1, 1848.	Piqua, Ohio.	Dec. 15, 1888.	Jackson Creek, Nev.	Rock River 1848
James H. Richards.	Sept. 16, 1835.	Michigan	Dec. 30, 1888.	South Haven, Mich.	Cincinnati 1872
Frank L. McCoy.	1855.	Ireland	Feb. 13, 1889.	Cacutta, India.	Michigan 1864
Wm. M. Coplin.	April 5, 1828.	Ira, N. Y.	Aug. 15, 1889.	Jackson, Mich.	" 1877
George W. Hoag.	May 13, 1822.	Charlotte, Vt.	May 16, 1890.	Allion.	Cumberland Pres. 1843
Newland M. Steele.	Feb. 24, 1836.	New Britain, Conn.	May 17, 1890.	Harrison.	Michigan 1858
John B. Knott.	July 29, 1843.	Toronto, Canada.	June 16, 1890.	Berlin.	M. E. Ch. Can. 1858
Gould E. Matthews.	Dec. 29, 1844.	Freeport, Ohio.	Aug. 16, 1890.	Nashville.	Michigan 1885
Wm. J. Aldrich.	June 7, 1836.	Brunswick, Ohio.	Sept. 23, 1890.	Muskegon.	Michigan 1885
George C. Elliott.	May 23, 1815.	Florida, N. Y.	Oct. 23, 1890.	Dowagiac.	Oneida 1843
Joseph T. Iddings.	July 24, 1820.	Dayton, Ohio.	April 12, 1891.	Albion.	Nor. Indiana. 1863
William Jennings.	Nov. 20, 1851.	Halestown, England.	March 26, 1891.	Augusta.	Newfoundland 1874
Francis B. Bangs.	March 23, 1819.	Stafford, N. Y.	May 20, 1891.	Eaton, Rapids, Mich.	Michigan 1840
Charles Chick.	Jan. 20, 1883.	Goudhurst, England.	Sept. 11, 1891.	Whitehall.	Michigan 1856
George A. Van Horn.	Aug. 5, 1813.	Sussex Co., N. Y.	Sept. 21, 1891.	Albion.	Newark 1856
Isaac Bennett.	Feb. 24, 1873.	Vermont.	Oct. 21, 1891.	Quincy.	Ohio 1836
Harrison Morgan.	April 22, 1870.	Ross, Ohio.	Feb. 20, 1892.	Lakeside.	Michigan 1836
Grosvenor Daniels.	Aug. 14, 1814.	Turin, N. Y.	Aug. 2, 1892.	Denver, Col.	" 1878
James Roberts.	Nov. 2, 1850.	Birmingham, Mich.	Aug. 9, 1892.	Albion, Mich.	" 1863
Ira R. A. Wightman.	April 7, 1838.	Sharon, Mich.	Dec. 6, 1892.	Albion, Mich.	" 1863
Irvin E. Robinson.	March 9, 1836.	Trenton, N. Y.	Dec. 10, 1892.	Fairbury, Neb.	" 1891
Augustus H. Gillett.	Dec. 18, 1855.	Sodus, N. Y.	Dec. 26, 1892.	De Funiak Sp'gs, Fla.	" 1871
James W. Ried.	Oct. 8, 1848.	Dexter, Mich.	Jan. 1, 1893.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	" 1868
Warren P. Clark.	April 7, 1837.	Macbus, Mich.	Jan. 21, 1893.	Nottawa Prairie, Mich.	Michigan 1841
S. C. Woodward.	Jan. 28, 1871.	Nottawa Prairie, Mich.	April 10, 1893.	Ovid.	Iowa 1876
M. W. F. Smith.	June 17, 1819.	Coaton, N. Y.	July 30, 1893.	Pottsville.	East Genesee. 1856
Stephen Merritt.	June 24, 1847.	Magnolia, Ill.	Sept. 17, 1893.	Coldwater.	England 1840
Francis Glass.	May 6, 1826.	Western, N. Y.	Nov. 26, 1893.	Grand Rapids.	Michigan 1884
Asahel C. Beach.	April 25, 1812.	Creve, Ireland.	Dec. 25, 1893.	Belding.	W. Wisconsin. 1884
Abraham H. Yokom.	May 1, 1822.	Hamilton, N. Y.	Feb. 18, 1894.	Byron Centre.	Michigan 1851
Eliza Marbie.	July 10, 1848.	Newaygo, Canada.	March 29, 1894.	Harbor Springs.	Michigan 1875
Eli H. Dwyer.	June 15, 1818.	Adams, N. Y.	March 31, 1894.	Cadillac.	" 1878
Orestes S. Padlock.	Aug. 31, 1849.	Springwater, N. Y.	Nov. 28, 1894.	Hanover.	" 1878
Samuel D. McKee.	Sept. 7, 1847.	Poylston, N. Y.	March 7, 1894.	Chimney.	" 1882
Samuel Kitzmiller.	Nov. 16, 1832.	Gettysburg, Pa.	Jan. 8, 1896.	Kalamazoo.	Detroit 1866
John Chubine.	Nov. 30, 1850.	New York City	May 13, 1896.	New York City.	New York. 1844
A. A. Rolfe.	Sept. 14, 1828.	Westmoreland, Pa.	June 13, 1896.	Mosierville, Mich.	Michigan 1885
J. W. Cawthorne.	April 6, 1835.	Albin, N. Y.	Dec. 7, 1896.	Los Angeles, Cal.	" 1883
	Dec. 17, 1822.	Newcastle-on-T., Eng.	Nov. 18, 1896.	Millbrook, Mich.	" 1854

Deceased Members of the Conference—Continued.

NAME.	BORN.		DIED.		ENTERED REGULAR MINISTRY.	
	WHEN	WHERE	WHEN	WHERE	JOINED MICH. CONFERENCE	
F. N. Jones.....	Jan. 27, 1845.....	Homer, Mich.	Jan. 3, 1897.....	Middleville, Mich.	1873.....	Michigan.....1873
Aaron H. Lutzerger.....	April 11, 1854.....	Barham, Ontario.	May 26, 1897.....	Calumet, " "	1869.....	Michigan.....1869
D. O. Ball.....	May 11, 1832.....	New York	Oct. 6, 1897.....	Detroit, " "	1872.....	Detroit.....1869
Chas. H. Fisher.....	Jan. 7, 1838.....	Dansville, Pa.	Dec. 15, 1897.....	Marcellus, " "	1860.....	Michigan.....1860
Thomas Lyon.....	April 30, 1819.....	Bethel, N. Y.	March 30, 1898.....	Homer, " "	1854.....	Michigan.....1854
W. I. Cook.....	Sept. 6, 1861.....	Ontario	April 2, 1898.....	Buchanan, " "	1888.....	North West Ia.....1886
Thos. H. Jacobs.....	Oct., 1826.....	Indiana	April 30, 1898.....	Eaton Rapids, " "	1845.....	Michigan.....1845
George W. Weeks.....	June 4, 1867.....	Geneva, N. Y.	Oct. 18, 1898.....	McBain, " "	1892.....	".....1892
E. D. Young.....	Aug. 15, 1814.....	New York	Nov. 1, 1898.....	Battle Creek, " "	1849.....	".....1849
Richard Pengelly.....	March 15, 1818.....	England	Nov. 6, 1898.....	Kalamazoo, " "	1844.....	North Ohio.....1842
Wright Barrett.....	March 18, 1830.....	New York	Nov. 8, 1898.....	Kalamazoo, " "	1868.....	Michigan.....1868
W. M. Paddock.....	April 9, 1826.....	New York	Dec. 15, 1898.....	Bronson, " "	1868.....	Black River.....1855
L. M. Garlick.....	March 19, 1838.....	New York	Dec. 19, 1898.....	Albion, " "	1861.....	Michigan.....1860
Elias Cooley.....	April 13, 1821.....	New York	Jan. 7, 1899.....	Albion, " "	1866.....	".....1866
E. L. Kellogg.....	Oct. 21, 1833.....	New York	June 26, 1899.....	Traverse City, " "	1856.....	".....1856
G. H. Burge.....	May 14, 1870.....	England	Sept. 26, 1899.....	Eaton, " "	1891.....	".....1891
T. T. Clark.....	Oct. 15, 1815.....	Freehold, N. Y.	1899.....	Moline, " "	1850.....	Genesee.....1847
Millard F. McConnell.....	Nov. 6, 1871.....	Eaton Co., Mich.	Nov. 5, 1899.....	Eaton Co., Mich.	1897.....	Michigan.....1897
G. D. Lee.....	April 14, 1834.....	Naples, N. Y.	Dec. 31, 1899.....	Whittier, Cal.	1859.....	".....1859
C. G. Thomas.....	Dec. 15, 1843.....	Livingston Co., Mich.	Jan. 8, 1900.....	Kalamazoo, Mich.	1870.....	".....1870
R. N. Middleton.....	Nov. 14, 1855.....	Greentop, Mo.	July 9, 1900.....	Boyne, City, Mich.	1884.....	".....1884
W. W. Johnson.....	Oct. 26, 1817.....	Williamston, Mass.	Aug. 4, 1900.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1850.....	".....1850
Amos Wakefield.....	March 31, 1813.....	Wheelock, Vt.	Sept. 18, 1900.....	Middleville, Mich.	1851.....	".....1851
George E. Hollister.....	July 22, 1833.....	Marion, N. Y.	Nov. 25, 1900.....	Elsie, Mich.	1865.....	".....1865
John Hills.....	Sept. 24, 1824.....	Ashford, England.	Feb. 4, 1901.....	Vermontville, Mich.	1870.....	Genesee.....1860
Frank H. Nix.....	March 29, 1854.....	Bleeker, N. Y.	April 15, 1901.....	Ovid, Mich.	1888.....	Michigan.....1888
Edwin L. Odle.....	Dec. 25, 1852.....	Utica, Mich.	May 19, 1901.....	Reed City, Mich.	1886.....	".....1886
J. S. Harder.....	Aug. 11, 1818.....	Chatham, N. Y.	Sept. 25, 1901.....	Nashville, Mich.	1851.....	".....1851
J. H. Tanner.....	May 15, 1836.....	Jackson Co., Mich.	Sept. 25, 1901.....	Big Rapids, Mich.	1862.....	M. P. Church.....1851
L. W. Earl.....	Nov. 23, 1825.....	Wadsworth, Ohio	May 6, 1902.....	Benton Harbor, Mich.	1851.....	Michigan.....1851
Uri Mason.....	May 4, 1828.....	Genesee Co., N. Y.	July 9, 1902.....	Albion, Mich.	1859.....	".....1859
L. J. Griffin.....	Jan. 15, 1828.....	Richfield, N. Y.	Sept. 20, 1902.....	Shelby, Mich.	1856.....	".....1856
James Webster.....	Aug. 26, 1828.....	Yorkshire, Eng.	Oct. 27, 1902.....	Albion, Mich.	1870.....	Detroit.....1856
S. W. Wallace.....	Dec. 1, 1852.....	Richland Co., Ohio	Nov. 26, 1902.....	Addison, Mich.	1888.....	Michigan.....1888
B. L. Hamilton.....	July 12, 1841.....	Homer, Mich.	Nov. 27, 1902.....	Los Angeles, Cal.	1870.....	Central Illinois.....1862
S. W. Smith.....	Dec. 25, 1833.....	Central, N. Y.	Dec. 28, 1902.....	Platte, S. D.	1857.....	Wisconsin.....1854
Levi Master.....	Feb. 8, 1841.....	Wilnot, Ont.	Feb. 19, 1903.....	Big Rapids, Mich.	1870.....	Michigan.....1870
Salmon S. Steele.....	Nov. 12, 1812.....	Boston, Mass.	April 28, 1903.....	Northport, Mich.	1839.....	Michigan.....1839

Conference Roll

And Post Office Address of Members, Probationers and Supplies.

The Secretary desires to have this roll correct, but without the help of the members it is impossible. Supernumeraries, superannuates, members who are in other than pastoral work, those "left without appointment to attend school," and all whose post office address is different from the name or first name of their appointment, should communicate with the Secretary. If this is not done the Secretary can do no better than to print the old address. Please notify the Secretary of any errors in the initials or spelling of names.

All post office addresses are in Michigan unless otherwise stated. (a) Superannuate. (n) Supernumerary.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.
	Albrô, Addis. 935 Ste. Antoine St., Detroit, Mich.		Brown, C. F. Banfield
	Aldrich, Willard. Wacousta		Brown, G. A. Evart
(n)	Aler, Levi. Cross Village		Brown, N. P. Fulton
	Allan, G. E.		Brown, Chas. A. Hersey
	Allen, James. Harbor Springs		Brownlow, T. G. R. Marengo
	Anderson, C. H. Douglas		Bryan, F. J. Manton
	Armstrong, E. A. Cadillac	(n)	Buell, J. I. Grand Rapids
	Arnold, George R. Allegan		Buell, G. A. Portland
	Aylesworth, W. W. Boyne City		Buell, J. W. Orleans
(a)	Bacon, E. D. Grand Rapids		Bullen, George. Carson City
	Baldwin, E. A. Union City		Bulman, O. F. Gladwin
	Barnes, D. F. Niles		Burns, A. W. Partello
(a)	Barnes, G. S. Petoskey	(a)	Calkins, L. W. Elmdale
(a)	Barnes, N. M. Delta		Callen, M. M. Kalamazoo
(a)	Barnhart, C. L. Sparta		Carlisle, J. W. H. Shelby
	R. F. D. 19.		Carman, A. O. Homer
(n)	Barth, Wm. L. Holland		Carrel, M. D. Traverse City
(n)	Beach, J. C. Buchanan		Cartland, A. T. Cassapolis
	R. F. D. 2.		Chamberlain, H. C. Berlin
	Beebe, C. L. Colon		Chapman, F. A. Coldwater
(a)	Bennett, L. M. Ann Arbor		Chase, G. D. 209 Woodmere
	Bennett, J. H. Vergennes		Court, Grand Rapids
	Biery, J. G. Martin	(n)	Chase, J. C. Newaygo
	Blanchet, L. Weidman	(a)	Choate, W. H. Liberty
(n)	Bouck, Elliott. Shepard		Cilley, R. B. Irving
	Bowerman, J. F. Pokagon		Clark, Adam. Marshall
(a)	Bowen, J. R. Lyons		Coghlan, Thos. H. M. Ludington
	Bradner, E. J. Loyalton, Cal.		Cogshall, W. I. Muskegon
	Bray, N. L. Big Rapids	(a)	Colby, W. M. Parma
	Bready, R. H. Big Rapids	(a)	Cole, W. Z. Ogalalla, Neb.
	Bready, Russell H. Gd. Rapids		Cook, A. L. Cambria
	Bready, J. A. Hillsdale		Cook, J. C. Ithaca
	Bretts, John. Lake City		Coors, A. H. Hart
(a)	Brockway, N. L. Muskegon		Cottrell, F. M. Mendon
			Cox, Thomas. Grand Rapids

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Craig, G. F.....	Hartford
(a) Crawford, R. C.....	Byron
Cronk, Delos.....	Litchfield
(a) Daugherty, M. A.....	
Dauids, J. W.....	Alma
Davis, E. W.....	Remus
Dayton, J. N.....	Bronson
Deal, C. E.....	Montague
DeGraff, J. A.....	Muskegon
De Lemarter, L.....	Lansing
Demarest, F. C.....	Albion
De Viney, J. C.....	Gobleville
Dietrick, J. C.....	Palo
Dobson, John.....	Parma
(a) Donaldson, Geo., 930 Grand St., Kalamazoo.	
Dorris, J. C.....	Parkville
Doty, Wm. E.....	Lansing
Douglass, W. J.....	Buchanan
(a) Draper, G. C.....	Chicago, Ill.
(a) Draper, James.....	Hart
Duffey, M. W.....	Freeport
(a) Dunton, A. A.....	Battle Creek
Durham, J. P.....	Norwood
Dutton, Joseph.....	Mt. Pleasant
Eagle, Irving.....	Mattawan
Earl, Wellington.....	Charlotte
R. F. D. 6.	
(a) Edmonds, L. M.....	Oconto Falls Wis.
(a) Eldred, A. J.....	Traverse City
(a) Eldred, A. N.....	Colon
Elmer, W. I.....	Vicksburg
Emmons, J. H.....	Climax
(a) Engle, David.....	Petoskey
Exner, Wm. A.....	Shepardsville
Fairbank, G. K.....	Lake View
Fallis, George V.....	Schoolcraft
Flewelling, R. T.....	72 Mt. Ver- non St., Boston, Mass.
Ferguson, A. T.....	Niles
Floyd, J. C.....	Cincinnati
Foote, J. E.....	Maple Rapids
Ford, S. B.....	Coopersville
Fortner, W. A. A.....	Paradise Valley, Nev.
(a) Fox, C. S.....	Charlotte
Fox, M. L.....	Ionia
Foy, J. W.....	300 Upton Ave., Battle Creek.
(a) Freeman, F. J.....	Lake City
Freeman, R. D.....	Beaverton
French, W. P.....	Lansing
Frye, W. A.....	St. Joseph
Geiger, A. A.....	Springport
(a) George, T. T.....	Cedar Springs
(n) Getty, W. J.....	Newaygo
Gibbs, N. E.....	
Glass, W. F.....	Caledonia

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Golden, O. J.....	Perrinton
Gosling, A. T.....	Delton
Gosling, G. W.....	Edwardsburg
Gould, A. M.....	Kalamazoo
R. F. D. 2	
Graham, John.....	Grand Rapids
(a) Green, D. A.....	Old Mission
(n) Grosenbaugh, L.....	Petoskey
(n) Griffith, A. M.....	Allegan
(a) Gulick, J.....	Albion
Haist, F. W.....	Plainwell
Hallenbeck, J. W.....	Reed City
Hamilton, Jas., 521 Sherman St., Grand Rapids.	
Haring, E. E.....	Wayland
Harris, H. H.....	Sherman
(n) Hart, A. F.....	Greenville
Hart, J. W.....	Girard
Hathaway, W. J.....	Clare
(a) Haviland, D. S.....	Greenville
(a) Hawley, H. R.....	Morley
Hayward, J. W.....	Ashley
(a) Heath, Willard.....	Traverse City
(a) Henderson, H. P.....	Albion
(a) Hewitt, S. P.....	Torch Lake
(a) Hickey, G. S.....	Detroit
(a) Hicks, G. S.....	Wellfleet, Neb.
(a) Hill, T. J.....	Phoenix, Ariz.
Hill, W. T.....	Grawn
(n) Hipp, H. G.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Hoag, C. E.....	Jonesville
Holden, C. W.....	McBain
(a) Hollowell, J. W.....	Roscommon
(n) Holmes, W. L.....	Grand Rapids
(a) Hopkins, J. H.....	Rudolf, Florida
(a) Horner, J. W.....	Grand Rapids
(a) Howe, C. H.....	Berlin
(a) Howe, G. W.....	Albion
(a) Hoyt, J.....	Allen
Huff, P. D.....	Paris
Irwin, W. H.....	Scottville
Jacokes, C. A.....	Middleville
Jamieson, Donald.....	Ferry
Jarrett, E. N.....	Stevensville
Jenkins, N. F.....	Mason
(n) Jewell, J. C.....	Lyons
(a) Jones, C. W.....	Harrietta
(a) Jordan, H. D.....	Albion
Judd, William.....	Luther
Keene, C. L.....	Keeler
Keillor, A. R.....	Frankfort
Kendall, N. H.....	Cross Village
Kendrick, W. F.....	Greenville
Kennedy, Hugh.....	Traverse City
Kenyon, L. B.....	Pottersville
Keplinger, P. R.....	Camden
(a) Ketcham, A. E.....	South Haven
Klose, John.....	Eagle
(a) Knappen, A. A.....	Albion

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
	Kruse, C. J. Grand Haven
	Laing, E. W. Sunfield
	Laity, Thomas. Galesburg
	Lamport, W. W. Leslie
(a)	Latham, D. R. Abeline, Kan.
	Laufman, W. L. Traverse City
	Leamon, T. H. Fennville
	Lee, D. R. Grand Rapids
	Le Gear, J. T. Jackson
	Lennox, L. E. Benton Harbor
	Lewis, E. G. Grand Rapids
(a)	Loomis, M. F. Jonesville
	Lovejoy, L. E. Grand Rapids
	Luther, A. T. Holland
(a)	Lumber, E. T. 113 S. Van Buren St., Bay City
	Lyon, E. R. Woodland
	Lyon, H. A. Lawrence
	Manning, L. H. Decatur
(a)	Marsh, N. D. Charlotte
	Martin, Arba. Petoskey
	Martin, D. D. Albion
(a)	Marzolf, J. Grand Rapids
	Mather, E. O. North Adams
(a)	Mathews, L. S. E. Jordan
	Maveety, P. J. Battle Creek
	Maxwell, G. W. Farwell
	McComb, A. H. Kalkaska
	McGregor, R. S. St. Johns
	Meador, R. E. Eaton Rapids
(n)	Merrill, C. M. Grand Haven
(n)	Messner, J. E. Wayland
	Millard, G. R. Butler
(n)	Miller, H. H. Gobleville
	Miller, J. W. Traverse City
(a)	Mills, B. S. Freesoil
	Moore, W. H. Vandalia
(a)	Moors, A. P. Greenville
	Morris, A. J. Bangor
	Mosher, W. P. Vermontville
	Mount, G. L. Glenn
	Mullen, Matthew Eaton
	Mumford, A. W. Paw Paw
	Nagler, A. F. Charlevoix
	Nease, Charles. Lowell
	Newcomer, J. C. Centerville
	Newell, E. F. Lawton
	Newton, A. D. Bath
	Niles, F. L. Reading
(a)	Oden, J. R. Elkhart, Ind.
	Odlum, G. A. Whitehall
(n)	Ogden, W. E. Kalamazoo
	Oldt, M. A. Edmore
(a)	Orwick, J. F. Jackson
	Ottan, Charles. Hastings
	Palmatier, C. H. Tekonsha
	Parsons, D. W. Mich. Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids.
	Parsons, W. H. New Buffalo

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
	Partridge, U. E. Sparta
	Pattison, L. N. Sturgis
	Peating, J. B. Ganges
(a)	Perry, O. H. Galesburg
	Peschman, J. F. Grand Rapids
	Phelps, W. H. Manistee
	Pinckard, J. B. Kalamazoo
(a)	Pitezel, J. H. 216 Bank St., Loraine, Ohio.
	Porter, G. J. Ravenna
	Potts, J. H. Detroit
	Potter, H. L. Dowagiac
(a)	Pratt, B. S. Grand Ledge
(a)	Prouty, W. A. Albion
	Puffer, W. M. Kalamazoo
	Quant, H. R. E. Comstock
	Quincey, J. A. Cadillac, R. F. D.
(a)	Rawlinson, J. W. Detroit
	Reed, D. E. Mancelona
	Richtmyer, L. P. Mosherville
	Riddick, I. H. Devereaux
(a)	Riehl, D. C. Cedar Springs
	Riley, Thomas Lansing
	Robinson, G. S. Quincy
	Robinson, S. C. St. Louis
	Robinson, W. A. Elk Rapids
	Rood, D. A. Hoytville
	Rood, H. L. Casnovia
(a)	Rork, W. W. Agnew
	Rowland, W. D. Greenville
	Ruoff, J. G. Central N. M.
	Sevits, L. A. Athens
	Sheehan, J. W. Belding
(a)	Sherman, G. W. Petoskey
(a)	Shier, Richard Coopersville
	Silverthorne, B. A. 72 Mt. Ver- non St., Boston, Mass.
	Sinclair, E. L. White Pigeon
	Simmons, A. W. DeWitt
(a)	Skinner, I. H. Delta
	Skinner H. D. Otsego
	Slee, R. J. Rockford
	Slee, W. W. Grand Rapids
	Smith, Albert. Concord
(a)	Smith, C. W. Ferry
	Sprague, E. E. Duplain
(a)	Sprague, J. A. Kalamazoo
(a)	Stark, J. K. Midland
(n)	Steffe, J. W. Montague
(a)	Stephens, A. A. Horton's Bay
(a)	Stevens, E. G. Cranesville, Pa.
	Stewart, A. K. Bishop, Cal.
(a)	Stinchcomb, W. R. Schoolcraft
	Streeter, Douglas. Big Rapids
	Strickland, S. C. Kalamazoo
	Sturgis, A. H. Grand Rapids
(a)	Swift, W. J. Lansing
(a)	Tallman, I. B. Watervliet
(a)	Tanner, E. A. Grand Haven

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Taylor, F. M.....	South Haven
Taylor, W. A.....	Bellevue
Tench, E.....	Berrien Springs
Thompson, H. W.....	Coloma
Thompson, W. H.....	Pittsburg, Pa.
(a) Tindall, R. W.....	Big Rapids
(a) Tiney, S. C.....	Grand Rapids
(a) Treadgold, E.....	Albion
(a) Trewin, Samuel.....	Fife Lake
Trott, Arthur.....	Hastings
(a) Tubbs, C. D.....	Paw Paw
Tuthill, G. W.....	Nashville
Tuttle, N. S.....	Okemos
Upton, J. C.....	Constantine
Urch, W. H. B.....	Albion
Valentine, J. S.....	Breckenridge
(a) Van Antwerp, C. T.....	Eagle
(n) Van De Walker, F. A.....	Paris
(n) Van Schoick, R. W.....	Coldwater
Varion, George.....	Rosebush
(n) Varnum, C. A.....	Hillsdale
Vickers, J. W.....	Jackson
Wade, H. V.....	Pellston
Walker, Quinton.....	Leonides
Ward, D. M.....	Hubbardston
(a) Watkins, O. D.....	Traverse City
Way, Alfred.....	Sheriden
(a) Welch, R. C.....	124 Dearborn Av., Chicago, Ill.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Weldon, I. T.....	Elsie
Wesbrook, J. H.....	Lowell
Wheeler, C. S.....	Battle Creek
Wheeler, A. J.....	Marcellus
(a) White, J.....	Galesburg
(a) White, J. E.....	Middleville
White, J. W.....	Frontier
Whitman, P. E.....	Bellaire
(a) Whitman, B. H.....	Charlesvoix
(a) Wigle, E.....	Grand Rapids
Wilcox, J. H.....	Lake Odessa
Wilks, Joseph.....	Corrine, Utah
Williams, A. S.....	Tompkins
Wilson, Isaiah.....	Grand Ledge
Wilson, W. J.....	Charlotte
Wolfe, J. M.....	Hanover
Wood, E. W.....	Kingsley
(a) Woodard, D. C.....	Ovid
Woodhull, W. S.....	Pentwater
Wooton, J. Ralph.....	Ovid
Wright, R. A.....	Three Rivers
Wright, Wm. H.....	Oshtemo
Wylie, H. E.....	Lyons
Yost, Jesse J.....	Jackson
Yost, R. E.....	E. Jordan
Young, Thomas.....	Prairieville
Youngblood, L. D.....	Wexford
Zedlar, John.....	Albion

Total Full Members, 346.

Probationers.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Bennett, Thos. Porter,	Crystal Valley
Bostwick, Leroy O.,.....	Kalamazoo R. R. 12.
Clapp, Franklin H.....	Jackson
Clough, Frederic M.....	Sonoma
Colgrove, Don O.....	Emerson
Cookson, Frank.....	Shepherd
Curry, Caleb E.....	Jackson
Hindle, Henry.....	Pellston
Irwin, Samuel W.....	Scotts
Jensen, James M.....	Coleman
Johnson, Wm. A.....	605 N. Calhoun St., Baltimore, Md.
Kitzmiller, Walter R.....	Lacota

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Larabee, Fred H.....	Bowne
Large, Samuel W.....	Petoskey
Lendrum, Frederick A.....	Kalamazoo
Lewis, George E.....	Alba
Loomis, Chester M.....	Muskegon
McDowell, George R.....	Kalamazoo
Meyer, William H.....	Wheatland
Minor, Irving W.....	Prattville
Nicholls, Harry J.....	Stanton
Norcross, Clarence A.....	Aurelius
Pollock, Cecil E.....	Howard City
Reynolds, Judson W.....	Galien
Walker, Harry E.....	White Cloud

Total Probationers, 25.

Supplies.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Allen, G. E.....	Hopkins Station
Babcock, C. N.....	Bear Lake
Baldwin, W. F.....	Allegan, R. F. D.
Barnes, G. W.....	Wexford
Brownell, W. J.....	Freesoil
Burdge, J.....	Fife Lake

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Carpenter, L. B.....	Williamsburg
Catterall, James.....	Sears
Chase, C. W.....	Kewadin
Chase, R. J.....	Augusta
Chatfield, W. W.....	Evart

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Colgrove, W. S.....	Ludington
Collins, A. F.....	Pleasant View
Collons, Edry.....	Chippewa Lake
Cornelius, J. H.....	Barryton
Day, G. B.....	Winn
Deets, J. D.....	Northport
Deighton, F.....	Millbrook
Ellsworth, Arthur.....	Kendall
Fetterhoff, F. J.....	Chase
Fisher, G. T.....	Cloverdale
Fletcher, C. D.....	Alden
Ford, F. S.....	Pennfield
Gibson, B.....	Osseo
Gilpin, H. T.....	Elm Hall
Gray, E. F.....	Thompsonville
Haskin, William.....	Manton
Hawks, E. J.....	So. Frankfort
Hayward, Charles.....	Pierston
Henry, Daniel.....	Lake City
Herbert, W. H.....	Benzonia
Hill, George E.....	Lisbon
Holmes, L. E.....	Empire
Hurd, W. W.....	Crystal
Jewell, S. K.....	Marion
Johnson, A. B.....	Saranac
Jones, Walter.....	Jackson
Kewaygeshig, J.....	Kewadin
Kelsey, C. H.....	Delta
Kidd, J. W.....	Hesperia
Leitch, James.....	Levering

NAME.	POST OFFICE.
Liscohere, D. D.....	Ada
Manning, W. P.....	Byron Center
Maltman, C. E.....	Ashton
Marshall, C. M.....	Grandville
McGinnis, J. B.....	Le Roy
McGinnis, R. H.....	Entrican
Mershon, J. L.....	Inland
Nixon, A. D.....	Averill
North, A. E.....	Orange
Parsons, A. C.....	Morley
Peck, H. C.....	Edenville
Perkins, J. W.....	McClure
Petoskey, William.....	Petoskey
Phillips, J. G.....	Robinson
Pigeon, John.....	Burnips Corners
Pooler, G. E.....	Burr Oak
Price, L. E.....	Stanwood
Priestly, John.....	S. Boardman
Riggs, W. M. D.....	Leaton
Russell, R. R.....	Waldron
Sharp, G. E.....	Jackson
Shewell, E. A.....	Fremont
Snell, John.....	Breedsville
Trombly, E.....	Liberty
Wade, D. E.....	Wesley
Webster, W. H. W.....	Middleton
Weston, N. W.....	Berlin
Wynn, A. E.....	Central Lake
Yinger, George.....	Burlington
Total Supplies, 70.	

Recapitulation.

Full Members	346
Probationers	25
Total Members	371
Supplies (non-members)	70
Grand total	441

Conference Rules of Order.

RULE 1. The Conference shall meet at 8:00 A. M., spending 30 minutes in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 11:30 A. M., but may alter the time of meeting at its discretion.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by devotional exercises, including reading of the Scriptures, singing, and prayer, and shall have the journal of the preceding session read and approved.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, but in case of an appeal the question should be taken without debate.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member requests it.

6. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

7. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.

8. When a motion, resolution, or report is read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed as in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before the decision or amendment.

9. No new motion or resolution shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene; which motion shall have precedence in the order named, viz.: The previous question, indefinite postponement, laying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, amendment, or substitute.

10. Whenever any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move for a reconsideration.

11. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when said question is put by the President except by leave of the Conference, or when such member has been necessarily absent.

12. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

13. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise from his seat and respectfully address the President.

14. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than five minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference, nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

15. No person shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language, but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

16. It shall be in order to move that the question shall be taken without further debate, on any measure pending before the Conference, except in cases where character or Conference relations are involved, and if sustained by a two-thirds vote, the question shall be so taken.

Conference Rules.

RULE I. No person shall absent himself from the session of the Conference without leave, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

2. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the Conference proceedings, which he shall cause to be published in the annual minutes, and, when so published, it shall be the official journal of this Conference. He shall edit the minutes and all memoirs, and shall make contracts for the publication thereof for the next ensuing annual Conference. He shall have charge of the journal and Conference files, and forward them to the seat of the next annual Conference. He shall cause to be deposited with the librarian of Albion College the ancient documents of this Conference.

3. All committees whose reports are to be printed in the minutes shall present their report in writing to the Secretary, otherwise the Committee on Publication is not required to insert such reports in the minutes.

4. All candidates for readmission, for admission on trial, for admission on credentials from other churches, and for admission into full membership, shall be required to appear before the Conference Board of Examiners and furnish such information as may be desired, touching their general qualifications for the ministry.

5. All cases involving change of Conference relations shall be referred to the committee on Conference Relations, all withdrawals included.

6. A member of Conference accused of offenses against the law and discipline of the Church is entitled to a copy of the charges and specifications to be relied on for the prosecution of the complaint, together with a notice of the time when the accused will be called upon to answer said charges and specifications. A failure to serve a copy of said charges and specifications a reasonable length of time before the same shall be presented for adjudication must be satisfactorily explained by the prosecution before the trial can proceed.

7. Conference visitors shall be allowed fifteen minutes in which to address the Conference. Presiding Elders' reports shall be limited to ten minutes, and reports of committees, except the Board of Stewards, to five minutes.

8. In the distribution of Conference Claimants' Funds, the action of the Board of Stewards shall be final. Provided, that in case the applicant is dissatisfied with the action of the Board, he or she may appeal to the Conference.

9. The Stewards shall give a general report of their work to the Conference; and furnish the Conference Secretary, for publication in the minutes, answers to disciplinary questions numbers 27 and 28.

10. The Stewards shall announce the time and place that allowances may be received by claimants. Allowances not called for personally shall be sent to claimants by mail or authorized messenger.

11. The memorial service for deceased members of the Conference and their wives shall be a special order for the second day of the Conference session, at 10 o'clock A. M.

12. The hearing of the report of the Conference Trustees, and the transaction of business in connection therewith shall be the special order for 10:00 A. M. of the third day of the Conference session.

Journal of the Michigan Annual Conference

1903

FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, September 23, 1903.

THE Michigan Annual Conference convened for its sixty-eighth annual session in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Jackson, Mich., J. T. LeGear, Pastor, Wednesday, September 23, 1903. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss took the chair at 8:30 A. M. and the hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues," was sung. The Conference was led in prayer by J. I. Buell. The hymn beginning "And are we yet alive," was sung. The Bishop read the one hundredth Psalm and Ephesians 3:14-21.

The Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and the pastor of the church, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper, the first table being reserved for the superannuates of the conference.

The Bishop made some introductory remarks especially showing the growth of the church in Michigan and the world-wide evangelizing force of Methodism. One verse of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung.

Roll Call.—M. M. Callen, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll, to which the following members responded: Addis Albro, Willard Aldrich, James Allen, C. H. Anderson, E. A. Armstrong, George R. Arnold, W. W. Aylesworth, D. F. Barnes, G. S. Barnes, C. L. Barnhart, C. L. Beebe, J. H. Bennett, J. G. Biery, J. R. Bowen, N. L. Bray, R. H. Bready, Russell H. Bready, J. A. Bready, J. Bretts, G. A. Brown, N. P. Brown, F. J. Bryan, J. I. Buell, J. W. Buell, George Bullen, A. W. Burns, L. W. Calkins, M. M. Callen, J. W. H. Carlisle, A. O. Carman, M. D. Carrel, A. T. Cartland, F. A. Chapman, G. D. Chase, R. B. Cilley, Adam Clark, Thomas H. M. Coghlan, W. I. Cogshall, A. L. Cook, J. C. Cook, A. H. Coors, Thomas Cox, G. F. Craig, R. C. Crawford, J. W. Davids, E. W. Davis, J. N. Dayton, J. A. De Graff, L. De Lamarter, J. C. De Viney, John Dobson, George Donaldson, J. C. Dorris, W. J. Douglass, G. C. Draper, A. A. Dunton, J. P. Durham, W. Earl, A. N. Eldred, J. H. Emmons, W. A. Exner, G. K. Fairbanks, A. T. Ferguson, J. C. Floyd, S. B. Ford, W. A. A. Fortner, C. S. Fox, M. L. Fox, J. W. Foy, R. D. Freeman, W. P. French, W. A. Frye, A. A. Geiger, A. T. Gosling, G. W. Gosling, A. M. Gould, John Graham, J. Gulick, F. W. Haist, J. W. Hallenbeck, James Hamilton, E. E. Haring, H. H. Harris, J. W. Hart, W. J. Hathaway, J. W. Hayward, W. Heath, H. P. Henderson, C. E. Hoag, C. W. Holden, J. Hoyt, W. H. Irwin, C. A. Jacokes, N. F. Jenkins, William Judd, C. L. Keene, A. R. Keillor, W. F. Kendrick, H. Kennedy, P. R. Keplinger, John Klose, A. A. Knappen, Thomas Laity, W. L. Laufman, J. T. Le Gear, L. E. Lennox, L. E. Lovejoy,

A. T. Luther, E. R. Lyon, H. A. Lyon, L. H. Manning, N. D. Marsh, E. O. Mather, P. J. Maverty, G. W. Maxwell, A. H. McComb, R. S. McGregor, R. E. Meader, G. R. Millard, W. H. Moore, A. J. Morris, W. P. Mosher, G. L. Mount, M. Mullen, A. W. Mumford, A. F. Nagler, C. Nease, A. D. Newton, F. L. Niles, G. A. Odum, Charles Ottan, C. H. Palmatier, W. H. Parsons, L. N. Pattison, J. B. Peatling, J. F. Peschman, W. H. Phelps, J. B. Pinckard, J. H. Pitezel, J. H. Potts, D. E. Reed, L. P. Richtmyer, D. C. Riehl, Thomas Riley, G. S. Robinson, H. L. Rood, L. A. Sevits, J. W. Sheehan, H. D. Skinner, R. J. Slee, W. W. Slee, Albert Smith, J. W. Steffes, F. M. Taylor, W. A. Taylor, E. Tench, H. W. Thompson, A. Trott, G. W. Tuthill, J. C. Upton, W. H. B. Urch, C. T. Van Antwerp, F. A. Van De Walker, R. W. Van Schoick, George Varion, J. W. Vickers, H. V. Wade, D. M. Ward, J. H. Wesbrook, A. J. Wheeler, J. W. White, P. E. Whitman, J. H. Wilcox, A. S. Williams, E. J. Wilson, Isaiah Wilson, W. J. Wilson, J. M. Wolfe, E. W. Wood, D. C. Woodard, W. S. Woodhull, J. R. Wooton, R. A. Wright, H. E. Wylie, R. E. Yost, Thomas Young.

When the following names were called it was announced that they were deceased: S. L. Hamilton, Levi Master, B. W. Smith, Salmon Steele, I. W. Wallace and James Webster.

The following probationers were present and responded to their names: J. F. Bowerman, Thomas G. R. Brownlow, O. F. Bulman, F. M. Clough, F. M. Cottrell, C. E. Curry, W. E. Doty, M. W. Duffey, W. T. Hill, N. H. Kendall, W. R. Kitzmiller, S. W. Large, Arba Martin, I. W. Minor, M. A. Oldt, C. E. Pollock, D. A. Rood, E. E. Sprague, H. E. Walker, Q. Walker, Alfred Way, and C. J. Kluse.

Organization—E. A. Armstrong was elected Secretary by acclamation and nominated for his assistants William A. Taylor, J. W. Foy, C. E. Deal and D. E. Reed and they were elected.

G. S. Robinson was elected statistical secretary by acclamation, and nominated the following assistants, who were elected: Albion District—A. A. Geiger, G. R. Millard; Big Rapids—O. F. Bulman, E. W. Davis; Grand Rapids District—John Dobson, W. F. Glass; Grand Traverse District—R. E. Yost, H. H. Harris; Kalamazoo District—T. H. Leamon, P. R. Keplinger, F. M. Cottrell; Lansing District—A. W. Simmons, H. E. Wylie; Niles District—J. C. Newcomer, H. A. Lyon.

G. A. Brown was renominated as Treasurer, but asked that his name be withdrawn, and he nominated W. F. Kendrick, who was elected by acclamation, and nominated the following assistants, who were elected: G. K. Fairbanks, R. J. Freeman, J. B. Peatling, C. E. Pollock and L. H. Manning.

G. A. Odum was re-elected Biographical Secretary, by acclamation.

STANDING COMMITTEES—The secretary called the list of standing committees, and after revision, the following list was adopted:

BOARD OF STEWARDS—*Chairman*, D. C. REIHL; *Secretary*, J. W. DAVIDS; *Treasurer*, L. N. PATTISON. *Term to expire in 1903*—L. N. PATTISON, A. N. ELDBRED, H. D. SKINNER. *Term to expire in 1904*—J. W. DAVIDS, A. T. FERGUSON, A. H. COORS. *Term to expire in 1905*—J. P. DURHAM, J. W. BUELL, F. A.

CHAPMAN. *Term to expire in 1906*—A. H. STURGIS, J. A. BREADY, I. T. WELDON.

EDUCATION—J. W. H. Carlisle, George F. Craig, A. H. McComb, R. E. Meader, J. C. Cook, E. O. Mather, H. E. Wylie.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—J. R. Wooton, C. H. Palmatier, A. W. Simmons, J. W. Vickers, L. H. Manning.

MEMOIRS—A. M. Gould, W. R. Stinchcomb, F. A. Van De Walker, C. A. Jacques, P. E. Whitman, A. T. Luther, A. J. Wheeler.

PERIODICALS—Albert Smith, George Buell, A. A. Geiger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS—W. L. Holmes, A. W. Mumford, W. H. Moore.

TEMPERANCE—T. Cox, H. L. Potter, H. H. Harris, R. E. Yost, A. W. Burns, L. B. Kenyon.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—W. H. Phelps, J. S. Valentine, J. W. Hallenbeck, G. L. Mount.

CHURCH EXTENSION—W. L. Laufman, W. J. Hathaway, R. J. Slee, A. O. Carman, F. M. Taylor.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION—L. E. Lovejoy, G. A. Odum, Charles Nease, Charles Ottan, J. B. Peatling.

AUDITING—N. P. Brown, C. L. Beebe, Willard Aldrich.

BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS—R. S. McGregor, W. A. Taylor, A. O. Carman.

BIBLE CAUSE—G. K. Fairbanks, Hugh Kennedy, W. P. Mosher.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—D. W. Parsons, M. L. Fox, J. W. Davids, G. R. Arnold, E. F. Newell, U. E. Partridge.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—D. F. Barnes, W. J. Wilson, J. B. Pinchard, G. W. Gosling, J. W. Hallenbeck, G. W. Tuthill, A. F. Nagler.

DELEGATES TO FRATERNAL BODIES—Pastors where Fraternal bodies meet.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS—Thomas Young, D. E. Reed, W. Earl.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—Secretary and Statistician.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—Presiding Elder and Pastors where Conference is held.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—J. E. Foote, W. E. Doty, E. A. Baldwin, C. S. Wheeler, J. Dobson.

Special Committee.—On the suggestion of the Bishop, P. J. Maveety made a motion that a committee of three be appointed on Conference addresses; the motion was carried and the committee appointed as follows: J. I. Buell, M. L. Fox, J. B. Pinckard.

Rule 1 Suspended.—Motion was carried to suspend the Conference rules of order number one and adopt the order provided by the program.

Bar Fixed.—On motion the Conference bar was fixed at the north side of the fifth window.

Committee on Nominations.—Motion prevailed authorizing the Presiding Elders to nominate a committee of one from each district on nominations. The committee nominated and elected was as follows: W. H. B. Urch, W. J. Hathaway, W. P. French, H. D. Skinner, J. R. Wooton, P. E. Whitman, G. D. Chase.

The rules of order and the Conference rules were adopted.

Introductions.—The Bishop introduced to the Conference W. H. Wagner, pastor of one of the Jackson churches; E. V. Armstrong of Wyoming Confer-

ence, W. Russell of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, who will conduct the devotional exercises of this Conference; John Bretts, transferred to this Conference from the Puget Sound Conference; Robert Forbes, Assisting Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; A. E. Cook of the South India Conference; W. V. Kelly, of the New York East Conference, editor of the Methodist Review, and John Krantz of New York.

On motion the Presiding Elders were constituted the committee on missions.

J. F. Orwick.—The report on the case of J. F. Orwick was presented by P. J. Maveety, Presiding Elder of Albion District, who moved that the case and records of the case be referred to the committee on Conference relations, and it was so referred.

C. M. Welch.—The committee on the case of C. M. Welch, appointed by the Presiding Elder of the Grand Rapids District, reported by John Graham that there was no cause of action and moved that his character be passed.

Albert Smith moved to amend so that the case be referred to the committee on Conference relation, and the motion as amended was carried.

Charles Ottan.—John Graham spoke of the case of Charles Ottan, against whom charges are made, and moved that the case and the charges be referred to a special committee of inquiry to investigate and report to the Conference, and the motion was carried. Motion prevailed requesting the Bishop to nominate said committee, which he did, and they were elected, as follows: W. W. Lamport, A. M. Gould, L. E. Lovejoy, Hugh Kennedy, W. I. Cogshall, N. F. Jenkins, J. W. Hallenbeck.

Visitors Speak.—Robert Forbes presented the cause of Church extension. W. V. Kelly presented the interests of the Methodist Review. The Conference appointed John Biery to secure subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

John Krantz of New York presented the interests of the Book Concern.

Assistant Secretary Elected.—The Conference elected J. R. Wooten as assistant secretary in place of C. E. Deal, who was absent.

Thirteenth Question.—The Bishop announced we would take up the thirteenth question and called the names of the Presiding Elders by Districts and their characters were passed as follows: Albion District, P. J. Maveety; Big Rapids District: The Bishop called the name of Dr. Levi Master, deceased, and said the answer was "Well done;" then the name of N. L. Bray, the present Presiding Elder; Grand Rapids District, John Graham; Grand Traverse District, M. D. Carrel; Kalamazoo District, J. C. Floyd, ex-Presiding Elder and now one of the field secretaries of the Missionary Societies, name was called and his character passed, then M. M. Callen, the present Presiding Elder; Lansing District, L. DeLamarter; Niles District, R. W. Van Schoick.

Presiding Elders' Reports.—P. J. Maveety reported the Albion District, N. L. Bray reported the Big Rapids District, John Graham reported the Grand Rapids District; on motion his time was extended so that he could finish his report.

J. I. Buell made an address showing the appreciation of the preachers of Grand Rapids District of the work of John Graham during the past six years, and presented him with a beautiful arm chair. Presiding Elder Graham responded with a few well-chosen words, accepting the gift.

Time for Memorial Service.—The Bishop requested that the Conference change the special order for memorial service from 10:00 A. M., to 10:30 A. M., on Thursday. On motion it was done.

Drafts Ordered.—The draft of the Book Concern for \$1,526 was presented by the Bishop and also a draft from the charter fund for \$22. On motion it was authorized that they be turned over to the treasurer of the Conference.

Episcopal Fund.—The Bishop presented a communication from the treasurer of the Episcopal fund. The Conference ordered that the Presiding Elders be a committee on apportioning this and other claims.

Order of Day Fixed.—It was moved that the election of delegates to the General Conference be made a special order for 10:00 A. M. Friday. Moved to amend to 9:30 A. M., carried, and the motion as amended prevailed.

J. W. Hallenbeck resigned as a member of the committee on the Ottan case and G. A. Brown was elected in his place.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned by expiration of time, and the Bishop closed by the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, September 24, 1903.

Conference convened at 7:45 A. M. for devotional exercises, with Rev. Walter Russell in charge. After a brief song service he read Acts 18:24-28, and spoke on "The Baptism of the Spirit;" and the address was followed by a session of prayer.

The Bishop took the chair at 8:45 A. M. and called the Conference to order. The secretary read the minutes of the last session, which were corrected and approved.

Delinquents and Absentees.—The statistical secretary and the treasurer called the list of those charges that had failed to report, or were deficient. The secretary called the names of those who were absent at the first session, and the following responded: L. Blanchet, C. F. Brown, Charles A. Brown, G. A. Buell, H. C. Chamberlain, Delos Cronk, C. E. Deal, Eagle Irving, W. I. Elmer, J. E. Foote, W. F. Glass, O. J. Golden, L. Grosenbaugh, G. S. Hickey, G. W. Howe, L. B. Kenyon, W. W. Lamport, E. W. Laing, T. H. Leamon, D. R. Lee, D. D. Martin, A. P. Moors, E. F. Newell, D. W. Parsons, W. M. Puffer, H. R. E. Quant, J. A. Quincey, J. W. Rawlinson, I. H. Riddick, W. D. Rowland, E. L. Sincleir, A. W. Simmons, C. W. Smith, S. C. Strickland, N. S. Tuttle, J. S. Valentine, C. A. Varnum, C. M. Welch, I. T. Weldon, J. E. White, Jesse J. Yost. Probationers—Joseph Dutton, G. V. Fallis, Donald Jamieson, F. H. Larabee, W. H. Meyer. And the farther roll call was dispensed with.

Presiding Elders' Reports.—M. D. Carrel reported the Grand Traverse District; M. M. Callen reported the Kalamazoo District.

Dr. Goucher Speaks.—The Bishop introduced John F. Goucher, President of the Women's College of Baltimore, who addressed the Conference.

Question 5.—The following were called and reported their collections, were passed in their studies and advanced to the class of the second year: Cecil E.

Pollock, W. R. Kitzmiller, F. M. Clough, Harry E. Walker and James F. Bowerman.

Question 5.—The following were called, they reported their collections, and were continued in the class of the first year: William H. Meyer, Caleb E. Curry, Irving W. Minor, William A. Johnson, George R. McDowell and Samuel W. Large.

The Bishop was requested to leave without appointment to attend some one of our schools: William A. Johnson and George R. McDowell.

Question 7.—The following were called, they reported their collections and were admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's Orders: Joseph Dutton, Charles J. Kruse, Alfred Way, Quinton Walker, George V. Fallis, Donald Jameison. Elmer E. Sprague, Dwight A. Rood and T. G. R. Brownlow being already deacons were elected to full membership. The Bishop called the attention of the class to par. 149 in the Discipline.

Introductions.—The Bishop introduced M. S. Terry of Garrett Biblical Institute, F. W. Frazier, pastor Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Bastian Smits, pastor Congregational Church; L. D. Pettit, pastor Memorial Baptist Church; Charles G. Rogers, pastor of the Free Baptist Church; James McGee, pastor of East Main Street Baptist Church, and John Cole of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Names Referred.—The Presiding Elders referred to the committee on Conference Relations, recommending for a superannuated relation Levi Aler, William E. Ogden, H. H. Miller, C. T. VanAntwerp, N. M. Barnes, A. A. Stevens, F. J. Freeman, D. A. Green, Samuel Trewin, E. A. Tanner; also recommending for supernumerary relation, E. J. Wilson, F. A. Van De Walker, E. Bouck, J. E. Mesner, W. L. Holmes, W. J. Getty; also recommending for effective relation, A. D. Newton. Announcements were made.

Memorial Service.—The hour of 10:30 having arrived, the special order of the day was taken up, being the Memorial service. A. M. Gould, Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, presided. "Rock of Ages" was sung and A. P. Moors led in prayer. The memoir of L. J. Griffin was read by S. C. Strickland; of I. W. Wallace by D. F. Barnes; of S. L. Hamilton by James Hamilton; of B. W. Smith by W. I. Cogshall; of Salmon Steele by F. J. Bryan; of James Webster by P. J. Maveety; of Levi Master by John Graham; of Mrs. Fassett by M. M. Callen; of Mrs. D. O. Ball by G. W. Sherman; of Mrs. George Bignell by A. O. Carman; of Mrs. S. C. Woodard by A. T. Luther; of Mrs. I. H. Skinner by J. W. H. Carlisle; of Mrs. C. G. Doughty by F. H. Larabee; of Mrs. J. M. Reed by D. C. Riehl; of Mrs. N. D. Marsh by D. F. Barnes; of Mrs. J. P. Durham by M. D. Carrel. The Doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with benediction by A. P. Moors.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, September 25, 1903.

Conference convened at 7:45 A. M. for devotional exercises. After a short praise service, F. E. Morehouse led in prayer. Walter Russell gave an address on Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," following which "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 8:45 A. M. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The statistical secretary and treasurer called the list of charges which had not reported.

Committee on Resolutions.—M. D. Carrel moved that J. I. Buell, G. S. Barnes and A. P. Moors be appointed a committee on resolutions; motion prevailed.

Question 7.—The following were called, reported their collections, were passed in their studies, admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's Orders: Matthew W. Duffy, William T. Hill, F. M. Cottrell, Ora F. Bulman, Nelson H. Kendall and James F. Bowerman; and Arba Martin, William E. Doty, M. A. Oldt, being already deacons, reported their collections, were passed in their studies and admitted into full membership.

Douglas Streeter.—N. L. Bray moved that the Conference invite the transfer of Douglas Streeter, a supernumerary member of the West Nebraska Conference. The motion prevailed and the Bishop announced his transfer. On motion Douglas Streeter was made effective.

Transfers Announced.—The Bishop announced the transfer into the Conference of Fred C. Demarest, a deacon in the studies of the third year, from the Central Illinois Conference; and of E. N. Jarrett, an elder from the New Hampshire Conference; also of John Bretts from the Puget Sound Conference and Franklin H. Clapp, a probationer in the studies of the first year, from the New York East Conference.

He also announced the transfer from this Conference to the Iowa Conference of Moses E. Reusch; and of S. F. McGuire, in the studies of the third year, to the New Hampshire Conference.

Election General Conference Delegates.—The hour of 9:30 having arrived, the order of the day was taken up, which was the election of delegates to General Conference. The Secretary announced that the Conference had 354 full members and the Bishop declared that the Conference was entitled to eight delegates in the General Conference.

The Conference adopted the following rules for the election of delegates to the General Conference:

(1) Election by ballot, a majority to elect. (2) If more than the requisite number have a majority, of those who have a majority the highest numbers to be elected. (3) When a ballot has more than the required number of names it is to be thrown out, but if it have less than the required number of names, it shall be counted. (4) If tellers are uncertain whether a ballot comes under the rules they are to report to the Conference. (5) If one name is written more than once on the same ballot it is to be thrown out.

The Conference decided to elect three reserves.

Tellers.—The Bishop announced the names of the tellers who had been nominated by the Presiding Elders, there being two at large and one from each District, as follows: Charles Nease, A. T. Luther, J. M. Wolfe, G. W. Maxwell, L. E. Lovejoy, W. H. Phelps, F. M. Taylor, J. C. Cook, H. L. Potter. The Secretary designated J. R. Wooten as Secretary to assist the Tellers.

Eldred and Prouty.—The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved: That the Conference express its sincere regret at the absence of our aged, honored, and much beloved brethren, Rev. A. J. Eldred and Rev. W. A. Prouty and assure them of our love and tender sympathy in their affliction and the infirmities of age, and earnestly pray that the dear Lord will cheer and bless and abundantly sustain them by His grace and presence.

The Secretary is instructed to forward to these brethren a copy of the action of this body.

Signed,

L. E. LENNOX,
GEORGE S. HICKEY,
E. G. LEWIS,
C. L. BARNHART.

A vote was taken for delegates to the General Conference; the tellers retired to count the ballots.

Question 13.—The Thirteenth question was resumed. L. De Lamarter reported Lansing District. R. W. Van Schoick reported Niles District, at the close of which L. E. Lennox, in behalf of the District, presented the retiring Presiding Elder with a purse of gold.

Fraternal Delegates.—On motion, J. C. Floyd, A. A. Knappen and A. M. Gould were elected a delegation from this Conference to bear our fraternal greetings to the lay electoral Conference.*

Question 13.—The following effective Elders were called, and their characters passed: Albion District, W. H. B. Urch, Thomas Young, G. L. Mount, D. F. Barnes, G. W. Tuthill, I. H. Riddick, R. E. Meader, J. W. White, J. M. Wolfe, R. H. Bready, J. W. Davids, J. T. LeGear, J. W. Vickers, C. E. Hoag, W. W. Lamport, N. S. Tuttle, Delos Cronk, J. H. Emmons, Adam Clark, N. P. Brown, J. W. Sheehan, C. E. Deal, J. G. Biery, G. S. Robinson, F. L. Niles, A. A. Geiger, C. H. Palmatier, A. S. Williams, E. J. Wilson, John Zedler, J. H. Potts, R. T. Flewelling, H. R. E. Quant, B. A. Silverthorne. Big Rapids District—J. A. Quincey, F. A. Chapman, D. C. Riehl, E. A. Armstrong, W. D. Rowland, George Varion, W. J. Hathaway, G. A. Brown, G. W. Maxwell, W. F. Kendrick, G. K. Fairbanks, C. A. Brown, D. E. Reed, P. D. Huff, T. H. M. Coghlan, William Judd, C. W. Holden, F. A. Van De Walker, J. W. Hallenbeck, Elliott Bouck, Addis Albro. Grand Rapids District—R. D. Freeman, W. Earl, W. F. Glass, W. W. Slee, E. W. Laing, J. H. Bennett, E. A. Tanner, W. L. Holmes, E. G. Lewis, L. E. Lovejoy, A. H. Sturgis, Thomas Cox, A. H. Coors, Arthur Trott, J. H. Wilcox, J. A. DeGraff, Charles Nease, C. A. Jacokes, John Dobson, G. D. Chase, R. J. Slee, J. W. H. Carlisle, J. F. Peschman, H. C. Chamberlin, J. E. Messner, G. A. Odium, James Hamilton, F. W. Haist, George Bullen and D. W. Parsons. Grand Traverse District—P. E. Whitman, H. L. Rood, A. R. Keillor, A. F. Nagler, Levi Aler, R. E. Yost, J. W. Hart, Samuel Trewin, J. W. Miller, James Allen, J. P. Durham, F. J. Freeman, W. H. Phelps, E. W. Wood, W. W. Aylesworth, D. A. Green, Louis Grosenbaugh, H. H. Harris, L. D. Youngblood,

W. L. Laufman, Hugh Kennedy. Kalamazoo District—G. R. Arnold, L. A. Sevits, T. H. Leamon, D. D. Martin, J. A. Bready, J. W. Foy, C. S. Wheeler, C. F. Brown, J. J. Yost, C. H. Anderson, L. Blanchett, P. R. Keplinger, J. B. Peatling, Thomas Laity, H. H. Miller, W. M. Puffer, A. M. Gould, J. B. Pinckard, A. W. Burns, J. C. Dorris, E. J. Bradner, H. D. Skinner, W. A. Taylor, L. P. Richtmyer, W. H. Wright, F. M. Taylor, W. I. Elmer, S. C. Strickland. Lansing District—J. R. Wooton, A. T. Cartland, A. O. Carman, J. S. Valentine, N. F. Jenkins, N. M. Barnes, S. B. Ford, E. R. Lyon, C. T. VanAntwerp, H. E. Wylie, A. A. Stephens, Isaiah Wilson, John Klose, D. M. Ward, M. L. Fox, J. C. Cook, W. A. Frye, J. E. Foote, W. J. Wilson, Albert Smith, J. W. Buell, A. T. Luther, J. C. Dietrick, L. B. Kenyon, G. A. Buell, O. J. Golden, R. S. McGregor, S. C. Robinson, W. A. Exner, I. T. Weldon, W. P. Mosher, Willard Aldrich, A. W. Simmons, W. H. Thompson, A. K. Stewart, N. E. Gibbs, Joseph Wilkes, W. A. Robinson. Niles District—W. H. Parsons, W. I. Cogshall, E. F. Newell, Irving Eagle, W. J. Douglass, E. L. Sincleir, J. C. Newcomer, L. E. Lennox, H. W. Thompson, A. N. Eldred, J. C. Upton, L. H. Manning, H. L. Potter, W. H. Moore, J. N. Dayton, G. W. Gosling, G. F. Craig, J. Gulick, Edwin Tench, A. W. Mumford, A. J. Morris, A. T. Ferguson, E. O. Mather, C. L. Beebe; W. P. French, L. N. Pattison, R. A. Wright, E. A. Baldwin and A. J. Wheeler.

Case of Ottan.—The committee of inquiry in the case of Charles Ottan report as follows: "Your committee of inquiry to whom was referred bill of charges against Rev. Charles Ottan respectively report:

"That we have examined the bill of charges and all other papers in this case referred to us and have heard several parties, including Brother Ottan, and we find no cause of action and recommend, that his character pass." All of which is respectively submitted. Signed, W. W. Lamport, Chairman; W. I. Cogshall, Secretary.

Collection.—On motion, the report of the committee was adopted. D. W. Parsons spoke words of sympathy for Brother Ottan and moved that a collection now be taken for his benefit. The collection was taken, amounting to \$52.

J. H. Potts.—J. H. Potts spoke in the interest of the Michigan Christian Advocate and presented to the Conference for the superannuate fund a check for \$1,785.88. Conference ordered it passed to the Treasurer to the credit of the Conference Claimants' Fund.

Change of Relations.—The Committee on Conference Relations reported through their chairman, D. F. Barnes, as follows: Your committee have had under consideration and recommend the following changes of relation: That F. A. VanDeWalker, Levi Aler, Elliot Bouck, H. H. Miller, W. E. Ogden be granted a supernumerary relation; that N. M. Barnes, C. T. VanAntwerp, J. Gulick, A. N. Eldred, A. A. Stephens, E. A. Tanner, F. J. Freeman, D. A. Green be granted a superannuated relation; that W. N. Younglove be permitted to withdraw from the ministry—not the membership—of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in accordance with the report of the special committee on his case; also that A. D. Newton be granted a change from a supernumerary relation and be made effective. The report of the committee was adopted.

Referred for Claims.—On motion, the cases of N. M. Barnes, C. T. VanAntwerp, J. Gulick, A. N. Eldred, A. A. Stephens, E. A. Tanner, F. J. Freeman, D. A. Green were referred to the board of stewards for a claim this year.

S. C. Tiney.—Moved by D. C. Riehl that the case of S. C. Tiney, a superannuate, be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations; motion prevailed.

Introductions.—The Bishop introduced William Dawe, George Elliott, C. M. Thompson, C. T. Allen, Joseph F. Berry, all of the Detroit Conference.

Episcopal Residence.—C. M. Thompson addressed the Conference in behalf of a Finnish Church in the Upper Peninsula. William Dawe spoke in the interest of raising the Episcopal residence debt. Motion prevailed to refer the matter to the Presiding Elders, with instructions that they apportion \$2,000 among the Districts and charges.

Epworth Herald.—J. F. Berry addressed the Conference in the interest of the Epworth Herald.

Methodist Insurance.—Frank L. Hart presented the interest of the Methodist Insurance Company, and requested that a committee be appointed to confer with him in relation to Church insurance. On motion, J. W. Sheehan, George A. Brown, D. W. Parsons, W. W. Aylesworth, C. H. Anderson, G. A. Buell and E. L. Sinclair were appointed such committee.

Fraternal Greeting.—Judge Buck of Kalamazoo, chairman of the Committee of Fraternal Greetings of the Lay Conference, addressed the Conference.

Delegates Elected.—The report of tellers was made as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	233
Necessary to a choice	117
M. M. Callen received	165
J. H. Potts	150
M. D. Carrel	120

And they were declared elected delegates.

Ballot Taken.—Another vote was taken for the election of the balance of the delegates to the General Conference and the tellers retired.

On motion, the tellers were given the right to post the result of the next election.

Bible Society.—Dr. John Pierson presented the interest of the American Bible Society.

J. W. McAllister.—A. M. Gould moved the request of J. W. McAllister for restoration of his parchments be referred to the Committee on Conference Relation. Motion prevailed.

After the announcement of notices, Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, September 26, 1903.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 7:45 A. M. for devotional exercises. A. M. Gould led in singing "Come Ye That Love the Lord;" also "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Evangelist T. H. Osborn sang "Throw a Line." Walter Russell led in prayer, after which he spoke on "The Wind and Fire as Emblems of the Spirit."

The Bishop called the conference to order at 8:45 A. M. The minutes were read and approved.

Delegates Elected.—The Bishop announced the result of the last ballot as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 194. Necessary to a choice, 98. Louis Delmarter received 115 votes and P. J. Maveety 102, and they were elected delegates to the General Conference. A vote was taken for the election of three more delegates and the tellers retired.

James Hamilton.—James Hamilton, agent of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund, gave his report, which was approved and ordered published in the minutes. See Reports.

Moved by E. G. Lewis that the Conference request the appointment of James Hamilton as agent of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering Fund for Conference Claimants. The motion prevailed.

Twentieth Century Fund Notes.—A resolution was offered that the notes in favor of the Twentieth Century Fund be lodged in the pastors' hands for collection during the year. On motion this resolution was referred to the board of trustees.

Sunday School Institutes.—Moved by G. W. Gosling that the matter of co-operation with the Sunday School Union in holding conventions and institutes as suggested by M. D. Carrel in his Presiding Elders' report, be referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools. Motion prevailed.

Albion College.—President Samuel Dickie presented a report of Albion College and gave a short address. See Reports.

Fred C. Demarest, professor in Albion College, was introduced to the Conference.

It was moved by John Graham that we reaffirm the action of last year, that the Conference raise at the rate of ten cents a member for Albion College. Motion prevailed.

Hamilton Elected.—The Bishop announced the report of the tellers as follows: Total vote, 182. Necessary to choice, 92. James Hamilton received 92 votes and is elected a delegate to the General Conference. A ballot was taken to elect two delegates to the General Conference and the tellers retired.

Elected Elders.—Charles Ottan, David R. Lee, William S. Woodhull, Alfred H. Macomb, and W. A. Robinson's characters were passed, they reported their collections, were passed in their studies and elected to Elder's Orders.

D. R. Lee to Attend School.—The Bishop was requested to leave D. R. Lee without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Question 9.—F. J. Bryan's character was passed, reported his collections and was continued in the class of the fourth year. W. A. A. Fortner's character was passed and was continued in the class of the fourth year with credit for certain studies.

J. S. De Long Transferred.—The Bishop announced the transfer of John S. De Long to the North Dakota Conference.

Question 9.—William H. Irwin, Alfred T. Gosling, Runa B. Cilley, Russell H. Bready's characters were passed, they reported their collections, and were passed into the studies of the fourth year.

Question 9.—Herbert V. Wade, Henry A. Lyon, James C. DeViney, Elton E. Haring, Charles L. Keene, James H. Wesbrook, George R. Millard, characters were passed, reported their collections and were advanced to the studies of the fourth year: Conditioned.

Question 8.—The characters of John W. Hayward, William J. Getty, Matthew Mullen, Edwin W. Davis were passed, they reported their collections and were continued in the studies of the third year.

George J. Porter and W. E. Ogden's characters were passed and they were continued in the class of the third year.

W. J. Getty.—William J. Getty was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

W. I. Cogshall Elected.—The Bishop announced the report of the tellers as follows: Total vote, 184. Necessary to a choice, 93. W. I. Cogshall received 106 votes and is elected a delegate to the General Conference. A vote was taken to elect one delegate to the General Conference and the tellers retired.

Question 5.—Fred H. Larabee's character was passed, he reported his collections, was passed to the studies of the fourth year and continued on trial.

Question 5.—Henry Hindle's character was passed, and he was continued on trial in the studies of the third year and the Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

Elected Local Elders.—Wallace P. Manning, Henry J. Nicholls, Levi E. Holmes, Eugene F. Gray, James Leitch being local preachers, were passed in their studies and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Elected Local Elders.—John H. Cornelius and Frederick A. Lendrum, being local deacons were passed in their studies and were elected to Elder's Orders.

The case of George E. Hill, a local deacon, was referred to the committee on Conference Relations, to secure information.

Question 3.—Who have been received on credentials? There were none.

Meeting Place for 1904.—The Bishop asked, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" Motion was made that the next session be held in Grand Rapids, and that we pay our own expenses; moved as a substitute that the matter be referred to the Presiding Elders, with power, and the substitute was adopted.

Tellers' Report.—The Bishop announced the report of the tellers. Total vote, 147. Necessary to a choice, 74. There is no election. Another ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

E. S. Ninde of the Detroit Conference was introduced by the Bishop and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, and of the Wesleyan Guild of Ann Arbor.

Question 22.—Was called and the following were continued in the supernumerary relation: C. M. Merrill, J. W. Steffe, C. A. Varnum, J. I. Buell, J. C. Beach, A. F. Hart, J. C. Chase, A. M. Griffith, J. C. Jewell, W. L. Barth.

J. G. Ruoff.—On motion, the relation of J. G. Ruoff was changed from supernumerary to effective.

John Graham Elected.—Bishop announced the report of the tellers: Total vote, 180. Necessary to a choice, 91. John Graham received 95 votes and is elected a delegate to the General Conference. Ballot was taken for three reserve delegates to the General Conference and the tellers retired.

H. G. Hipp.—On motion, the relation of Henry G. Hipp was changed from effective to supernumerary.

Question 23.—The following were continued in the superannuate relation: L. S. Matthews, C. L. Barnhart, George S. Hickey, C. W. Smith, J. W. Horner, E. T. Lumber, H. P. Henderson, B. S. Mills, J. H. Hopkins, Eli Wigle, R. W.

Tindall, T. T. George, T. J. Hill, G. W. Sherman, W. M. Colby, L. M. Edmonds, E. G. Stevens, L. M. Bennett, J. R. Oden, N. L. Brockway, R. C. Welch, C. W. Jones, Joshua White, J. K. Stark, C. H. Howe, G. W. Howe, W. J. Swift, H. D. Jordan, David Engle, A. E. Ketcham, Jacob Marzolf, A. A. Knappen, D. C. Woodard, D. R. Latham, George Donaldson, J. H. Pitzel, B. S. Pratt, W. A. Prouty, Thomas Riley, W. W. Rork, Elight Threadgold, Richard Shier, E. D. Bacon, G. C. Draper, N. D. Marsh, O. D. Watkins, R. C. Crawford, James Draper, A. P. Moors, A. A. Dunton, A. J. Eldred, C. S. Fox, J. W. Hollowell, H. R. Hawley, D. S. Haviland, S. P. Hewitt, G. S. Hicks, John Hoyt, B. H. Whitman, J. W. Rawlinson, G. S. Barnes, J. R. Bowen, J. E. White, W. Z. Cole, M. F. Loomis, J. A. Sprague, I. H. Skinner, O. H. Perry, S. C. Tiney, L. W. Calkins, W. R. Stinchcomb, C. D. Tubbs, Willard Heath, I. B. Tallman.

S. C. Tiney.—The Committee on Conference Relations reported through its chairman, D. F. Barnes, "that we recommend the case of S. C. Tiney be referred to the Presiding Elder of Grand Rapids District for investigation." Report was adopted.

Reserves Elected.—The Bishop announced the report of the tellers. Total number of votes, 186. Necessary to a choice, 94. G. D. Chase received 154 and is elected reserve delegate to the General Conference. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the two candidates who had the next highest vote—N. L. Bray and L. E. Lovejoy—as reserve delegates to the General Conference; the ballot was so cast and they were declared elected.

Samuel Trewin.—On motion of M. D. Carrel, Samuel Trewin was granted a superannuated relation.

Changes of Relations.—The Committee on Conference Relations reported through its chairman, D. F. Barnes, recommending that the relation of J. E. Messner, W. L. Holmes and W. J. Getty be changed from effective to supernumerary at their own request, and it was done.

M. A. Daugherty.—Motion prevailed that we request the Bishop to transfer M. A. Daugherty, a superannuated member of the Austin Conference, to our Conference, of which he was formerly a member.

Anti-Saloon League.—D. F. Barnes spoke in behalf of the State Anti-Saloon League and requested that the Conference elect two trustees of the Anti-Saloon League, which was authorized.

Elected Local Deacon.—The Committee on Local Deacon's Orders recommended that Peter Bennett, an Indian preacher, be granted Deacon's Orders. Motion was carried authorizing the same.

Motion prevailed that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Aldrich Deaconess Home.—L. DeLamarter spoke in the interests of the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and handed the report of the trustees to the Secretary, who read the same, and it was accepted and placed on file.

Examiner Appointment.—The Bishop announced the appointment to fill vacancy in the board of examination of J. R. Wooton in the place of W. L. Holmes.

G. E. Hill Elected Elder.—The Committee on Conference Relation reported by Chairman D. F. Barnes, recommended that George E. Hill, a local deacon, be

ordained an elder, and on motion, he was elected to Elder's Orders. The committee also reported:

J. W. McAllister.—"We recommend in the case of J. W. McAllister, his request for the return of his ordination parchments be not granted."

Signed, D. F. BARNES, *Chairman*.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Aldrich addressed the Conference in the interest of the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made, and the Bishop appointed D. F. Barnes as chairman of the afternoon session. Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, September 26, 1903.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 2 P. M. D. F. Barnes in the chair, having been appointed by the Bishop. The hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" was sung, after which prayer was offered by John Dobson.

Periodicals Report.—Albert Smith presented the report on periodicals. Motion was made that the reference in said report to "abler preachers in other denominations" be stricken out. Motion was carried. The report was adopted as amended. See Reports.

Educational Report.—J. W. H. Carlisle presented the report on Education, which was adopted. See Reports.

College Trustees.—On motion, the Secretary cast the ballot for L. E. Lovejoy and David Erwin for trustees of Albion College, and for E. G. Lewis as trustee of the Northwestern University, and they were so elected.

Resolutions.—J. I. Buell presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions. Motion was made that we take up the resolutions *seriatim*, which was lost. It was moved that the resolution referring to the consolidation of the publishing houses be stricken from the report, which was carried. The report as amended was adopted. See Reports.

F. A. and S. E. Society.—Professor E. L. Parks of Gammon Theological Seminary was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Resolutions.—J. I. Buell presented an additional report on resolutions, which was adopted. See Reports.

Biographical Secretary's Report.—G. A. Odum, the biographical secretary presented his report, which was adopted. See Reports.

On motion the time was extended.

Church Extension Report.—W. L. Laufman presented the report of the Committee on Church Extension, which was adopted. See Reports.

Sabbath Observance Report.—J. E. Foote presented the report on Sabbath Observance, which was adopted. See Reports.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.—W. H. Moore presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, which was adopted. See Reports.

Deaconess Home.—On motion, it was authorized that the report on the Deaconess Home be printed and that a collection be taken in our Churches for this work. See Reports.

District Conference Records.—Thomas Young presented the report on District Conference Records, which was adopted. See Reports.

Garrett Biblical Institute.—Dr. M. S. Terry was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of Garrett Biblical Institute.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by M. S. Terry.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, September 28, 1903.

MORNING SESSION.

Conference convened at 7:45 A. M. for devotional services, A. M. Gould presiding. The hymns "No, Not One," and "He Hideth My Soul" were sung. A solo entitled "The Heavenly Wire," was sung by George R. Jackson. Walter Russell led in prayer and followed with an address on "Water, Oil and the Dove as Emblems of the Spirit." After a season of prayer, "Rock of Ages" was sung.

By the appointment of the Bishop, W. M. Puffer called the Conference to order at 8:45 A. M.

Book Concern Accounts.—R. S. McGregor presented the report of the committee on the Book Concern accounts, which was adopted. See Reports.

Conference Claimants' Reports.—J. W. Davids presented the report of the Committee on Conference Claimants, which was adopted. See Reports.

F. A. and S. E. Society.—L. E. Lovejoy presented the report of the committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education, which was adopted. See Reports.

Resolutions.—James Hamilton offered the following resolution, which was adopted, by an unanimous rising vote:

"Whereas: Mrs. John Hicks of St. Johns, Mrs. Mary Baxter of Reading, Mrs. Delia A. Belden of St. Joseph, Charles H. Wheelock of Battle Creek, Mrs. Sylvester Wood of Marcellus, T. P. Carbine and wife of Cambria, J. D. Euell and wife of Fulton, William P. Smith of Palo, S. H. Rinker and wife of Fenwick, Harriet E. Borden of Kalkaska, Mrs. C. C. Comstock of Grand Rapids have subscribed sums ranging from five hundred dollars to two thousand dollars to our Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund, to constitute memorials to their memory or to kindred they may name,

Therefore Resolved: That the thanks of the Michigan Conference be tendered them, that a copy of this resolution be spread on our records and that the Secretary of the Conference be instructed to forward to them a copy of the same.

Signed, JAMES HAMILTON.

Twentieth Century Fund.—Albert Smith offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas, The work in which James Hamilton is engaged is second to none in importance, and

"Whereas, He cannot reasonably succeed unless the pulpits of our Church

are open to him, and whereas, for best possible results, he ought to be able to make a plan and follow it; therefore,

Resolved, That we open our pulpits to him, if possible, when he requests it.

"Signed, ALBERT SMITH, J. R. WOOTON."

Nominations.—W. H. B. Urch presented the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was adopted. See nominations.

Epworth League Report.—J. R. Wooton presented the report of the Committee on the Epworth League, which was adopted. See Reports.

State of Church Report.—W. H. Phelps presented the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted. See Reports.

Bible Cause Report.—G. K. Fairbank presented the report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, which was adopted. See Reports.

Federation of Churches.—W. A. Frye presented matter relating to the federation of the evangelical churches of Michigan, requesting that two persons be appointed to act jointly with delegates from other bodies to meet in convention. He moved that two delegates be thus elected. W. I. Cogshall offered an amendment that we elect the two delegates requested, but explicitly state that their authority is only advisory. H. L. Potter moved as a substitute that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Isaiah Wilson moved the previous question and it was ordered. The substitute prevailed.

Nominations.—W. H. B. Urch presented a supplementary report of the Committee on Nominations, nominating the Board of Control for the Deaconess Home, which was adopted. See Conference Boards.

Temperance Report.—Thomas Cox presented the report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted. See Reports.

Anti-Saloon Delegate.—Moved by W. A. Frye, that S. C. Strickland be elected a delegate to the National Anti-Saloon League convention to be held in Washington. Motion prevailed.

Temperance Report.—Thomas Cox presented an additional resolution on temperance which was adopted. See Reports.

D. W. Parsons.—Moved by L. E. Lennox that the Conference request the Bishop to appoint D. W. Parsons as chaplain to the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids. Motion was carried.

W. H. Thompson.—W. I. Cogshall moved that the Conference request the Bishop to appoint W. H. Thompson as Superintendent of the Children's Home Society of Pennsylvania. Carried.

J. H. Potts.—E. Tench moved that the Conference request the Bishop to appoint J. H. Potts editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate. Motion was carried.

S. C. Strickland.—A. M. Gould moved that the Conference request the Bishop to appoint S. C. Strickland as Temperance Agent of the Conference. Motion prevailed.

Memorial Service.—G. A. Brown offered the following resolution:

Whereas: The annual death roll of our Conference has become large, and the Memorial service as held under our present methods consumes much time, with consequent weariness and lack of interest therein, and

Whereas: This service should be tender, impressive, and well attended,

Resolved: That we request the Committee on Memoirs to substitute for the present public readings of memoirs, a Memorial service of appropriate religious exercises, with one or two general memorial addresses, making appropriate mention of departed fellow workers, and to file the individual memoirs for publication in the minutes.

GEORGE A. BROWN.	W. I. COGSHALL,
G. K. FAIRBANK,	F. A. CHAPMAN,
C. W. SMITH,	A. M. GOULD.
A. J. WHEELER,	

Moved by G. W. Buell that we continue to observe Memorial services as in the past and that we request all our ministers to remain during the Memorial service. This motion was laid on the table. On motion the previous question was ordered. The original motion prevailed by a rising vote of 91 for and 75 against.

Auditing Committee.—N. P. Brown presented the report of the Auditing Committee, which was adopted and the committee continued. See Reports.

Separate Reports.—J. R. Wooton offered a resolution that we print in the minutes the reports of each Church on a charge separately. On motion, it was laid on the table.

Federation.—W. H. Phelps submitted the following additional report of the Committee on the State of the Church, which was adopted: We favor the election as delegates of two of the wisest men of the Conference to represent this body and assist in working out the details of a just and impartial Constitution, for State Federation of Evangelical Churches.

W. H. PHELPS,
J. S. VALENTINE,
G. L. MOUNT.

A. M. Gould moved that W. A. Frye and W. I. Cogshall be the two delegates recommended in the report. Motion prevailed.

Statistical Report.—G. A. Robinson presented the statistician's report, which was adopted. See Statistics.

Superannuated Fund.—Moved that an explanation under the head of superannuated collection be printed in the minutes, showing that there is not a decrease, but rather an increase. Motion prevailed, 52 for and 16 No.

Moved that the chairman of the Board Stewards make the explanation in a foot-note. Moved to amend that the statistical secretary make it. Motion as amended carried. N. P. Brown gave a supplementary report of the Auditing Committee, which was adopted. See Reports.

The Bishop took the chair, 10:30 A. M.

Change of Relations.—D. F. Barnes, chairman, presented report of Committee on Conference Relations, recommending E. J. Wilson be permitted to withdraw from membership of the Conference, and the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under paragraph 161.

Also, in the case of C. M. Welch we recommend that he be permitted to withdraw from the membership of the Conference and the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under paragraph 161.

Also, in the case of J. F. Orwick, we recommend his character pass and that he be granted a superannuated relation.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The Class for Admission on Trial, was introduced to the Conference.

Decision of Law.—The Bishop gave his decision of the law in relation to an appeal from the decision of Presiding Elder DeLamarter, as follows:

Appeal on Questions of Law.—I have received an appeal from certain decisions on questions of law rendered by Presiding Elder Louis DeLamarter, in the Quarterly Conference of the Central Church, Lansing, held on July 21, 1903. The appeal is signed by F. E. Church and Jacob F. Sleight, and is accompanied by a copy of the action of the Quarterly Conference. The appellants complain of two decisions of the Presiding Elder:

1. That the two trustees elected to fill the places theretofore occupied by the appellants, should assume office at once, rather than at the end of the Conference year:

2. That the unsigned records of the meeting at which trustees were elected should be read to the Quarterly Conference for information.

In my judgment both these decisions of the Presiding Elder were correct.

CYRUS D. FOSS.

Abel L. Cook.—Moved by P. J. Maveety that the action of the Conference in the election of Abel L. Cook to Elder's Orders be reconsidered. The motion prevailed. P. J. Maveety then moved that Abel L. Cook be continued in the class of the fourth year, being given credit for studies passed. Motion prevailed.

C. A. Bates.—Moved by M. D. Carrell that C. A. Bates be granted a certificate of location at his own request. Motion prevailed.

L. Grosenbaugh was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request on motion of M. D. Carrell.

W. H. Choate was granted a superannuated relation without claim, on motion of P. J. Maveety.

Question 4.—The registrar and the Presiding Elders having reported the following were received on trial: C. A. Norcross, Henry J. Nicholls, Thomas P. Bennett, James N. Jensen, Frank Cookson, Chester M. Loomis, George E. Lewis, Samuel W. Irwin, Frederick A. Lendrum, Leroy O. Bostwick, Don O. Colgrove, Judson W. Reynolds.

Ralph W. Paul was continued on trial in first year and the Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment, to attend school. (Later the Bishop transferred him to North Dakota Conference.)

Question 9.—Jacob G. Ruoff, C. W. Holden and U. E. Partridge were continued in the studies of the fourth year.

John Graham offered the following resolution, which was adopted: That a committee of three be appointed who shall take charge of the subscriptions and money in the case of the Saranac Church, who shall audit the bills of the attorneys and settle with them; the committee to consist of P. J. Maveety, D. W. Parsons, W. M. Puffer and John Graham.

R. W. Van Schoick was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request, on motion of M. M. Callen.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of Saturday morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

On motion the time was extended.

The following Memorial was read and adopted:

MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Whereas, The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is dangerous to "public safety and public morals," (see *Beer Co. vs. Massachusetts, et als.*, 97, U. S. 32); and

Whereas, The aforesaid traffic has been prohibited in the naval and military reservations and in the Capitol Building at Washington, D. C.;

Therefore, We, the members of the Michigan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, respectfully request you to memorialize the President, and the Congress of the United States of America to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in the Territories, Islands, District of Columbia and all other places where the Federal Government has police control, to the end that the Legislative and Executive Departments may be in harmony with the decisions of the Supreme Court. Our motto is: "No Saloons Under the Flag."

The motion prevailed that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2:30 P. M.

R. W. Van Schoick.—M. M. Callen moved that R. W. Van Schoick be referred to the Board of Stewards for a claim this year.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, September 28, 1903.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 2:30 by Bishop Foss.

Prayer was offered by Albert Smith.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

Anti-Saloon League.—D. W. Parsons declined the office of trustee of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League and D. F. Barnes was elected in his place.

Treasurer's Report.—W. F. Kendrick, Conference Treasurer, presented his report, which was adopted. See Reports.

Loan.—Moved that the Trustees be authorized to loan the Stewards \$160, to be repaid from next year's superannuate fund. Carried.

Steward's Report.—The Chairman of the Board of Stewards made his report.

Moved by G. W. Gosling that so much of the report as does not refer to those on trial and the local preachers be adopted. Carried. See Reports.

W. I. Cogshall was called to the chair by the Bishop. J. I. Buell introduced a resolution concerning the administration of Bishop Fitzgerald at last year's Conference.

A. M. Gould moved that the report be held in abeyance until the Bishop shall take the chair. Carried (The resolution was afterwards read but failed of adoption.)

Walter Russell.—J. T. LeGear presented the matter of remunerating Rev. Walter Russell for conducting the morning devotional exercises and a collection was taken.

Conference Expenses.—A collection for Conference expenses was taken. A. M. Gould moved that the claim of \$5.55 incurred in the Younglove case be allowed and paid out of Conference expense collection.

Time of Conference.—L. E. Lennox moved that we request the Bishop to fix the date of our next session as near the first Wednesday of September as possible. On motion, the whole matter was laid on the table.

Time Limit.—It was moved by G. W. Gosling that the Michigan Conference memorialize the Grand Conference to restore the time limit to three years, with provision for longer time in special cases. Motion was lost by vote of 59 for, to 96 against.

After singing a hymn the Conference engaged in a season of prayer.

The Bishop resumed the chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

Amusements.—S. C. Strickland moved that we memorialize the General Conference to retain the law of the Church regarding amusements as it now stands in the Discipline. The motion prevailed.

Addis Albro.—On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint Addis Albro chaplain of the Michigan Military Academy.

Church Location.—The Presiding Elders nominated the Board of Church Location, and the nominations were confirmed. See Conference Boards.

Lay Conference Records.—The Secretary was authorized to print in the minutes the proceedings of the Lay Conference, if the necessary funds can be raised from the laymen.

The Committee on Missions made its report, which was adopted. See Reports.

Adjournment.—It was moved that after the reading of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned, *sine die*. The minutes were read and approved. Hymn 816 was sung. The appointments were read, and Conference adjourned, with Benediction by the Bishop.

The foregoing is a correct and official record of the proceedings of the Michigan Annual Conference.

Cyrus B. Foss

President.

Edw. A. Armstrong

Secretary.

Sunday, September 27, 1903.

Conference Love Feast was held at 9:30 A. M., with A. M. Gould in charge. It was a very helpful, inspiring and deeply spiritual service. A collection for the Conference Claimants was taken, amounting to \$131.

At 10:30 o'clock J. T. LeGear took charge of the usual opening exercises. The Bishop being unable to preach, at his request Dr. George Elliott of Detroit, Mich., preached from First John 4:8.

At 3 o'clock, occurred the ordination of Deacons and Elders and the consecration of Deaconesses.

Certificate of Ordination.

This is to certify that on the twenty-seventh day of September, A. D. 1903, I ordained, under the election of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the following named persons as

DEACONS:

Joseph Dutton, Charles J. Kruse, Alfred Way, Quinton Walker, George V. Fallis, Donald Jamieson, Matthew W. Duffey, William T. Hill, Frank M. Cottrell, Ora F. Bulman, Nelson H. Kendall, James F. Bowerman, Wallace P. Manning, Henry J. Nicholls, Levi E. Holmes, Eugene F. Gray, James Leitch and Peter Bennett; and at the same time, and in the same place, assisted by Elders present, I ordained the following named persons as

ELDERS:

Charles Ottan, David R. Lee, William S. Woodhull, William A. Robinson, Alfred H. McComb, John H. Cornelius, Frederick A. Lendrum and George E. Hill; and at the same place and on the same day, I also consecrated the following named persons as

DEACONESES:

Pansy Havens, Florence Crum, Kathryn Bates, Edith Leala Boyce, Lottie Longhurst, Alice K. Green, Bertha Pierce and Margaret D. Moors.

Cyrus D. Foss

Done at Jackson, Mich.

Disciplinary Questions.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

John Bretts, from the Puget Sound Conference; Fred C. Demarest, a Deacon in the studies of the third year, from the Central Illinois Conference; E. N. Jarrett, from the New Hampshire Conference; Douglass Streeter, from West Nebraska Conference; Franklin H. Clapp, a probationer in the studies of the first year, from the New York East Conference; M. A. Daugherty, a superannuate from the Austin Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year.

Clarence A. Norcross, Henry J. Nicholls, Thomas Porter Bennett, James M. Jensen, Frank Cookson, Chester M. Loomis, George E. Lewis, Samuel W. Irwin, Frederick A. Lendrum, Leroy O. Bostwick, Don O. Colegrove, Judson W. Reynolds.

(b) In Studies of Third Year.

None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) In Studies of First Year.

Cecil E. Pollock, Walter R. Kitzmiller, Frederick M. Clough, Harry E. Dowell, William H. Meyer, Samuel W. Large, Franklin H. Clapp.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.

Cecil E. Pollock, Walter R. Kitzmiller, Frederick M. Clough, Harry E. Walker.

(c) In Studies of Third Year.

Henry Hindle.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.

Fred H. Larrabee.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.

Joseph Dutton, Charles J. Kruse, Alfred Way, Quinton Walker, George V. Fallis, Donald Jamieson, Matthew W. Duffey, William T. Hill, Frank M. Cottrell, Ora F. Bulman, Nelson H. Kendall, James F. Bowerman.

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.

Elmer E. Sprague, Dwight A. Rood, William E. Doty, Arba Martin, Maynard A. Oldt, Thomas G. R. Brownlow.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.

Joseph Dutton, Charles J. Kruse, Alfred Way, Quinton Walker, George V. Fallis, Donald Jameison, Matthew W. Duffey, William T. Hill, Frank M. Cottrell, Ora F. Bulman, Nelson H. Kendall, James F. Bowerman, Elmer E. Sprague, Dwight A. Rood, William E. Doty, Arba Martin, Maynard A. Oldt, Thomas G. R. Brownlow.

(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.

William J. Getty, John W. Hayward, George J. Porter, Matthew Mullen, Willard E. Ogden, Edwin W. Davis, Fred C. Demarest.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Fred J. Bryan, W. A. A. Fortner, Herbert V. Wade, Henry A. Lyon, William H. Irwin, James C. DeViney, Alfred T. Gosling, Runa B. Cilley, Elton E. Haring, Russell H. Bready, Charles L. Keene, James H. Westbrook, George R. Millard, Abel L. Cook, Jacob G. Ruoff, Charles W. Holden, Upton E. Partridge.

10. *What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.

Charles Ottan, David R. Lee, William S. Woodhull, William A. Robinson, Alfred H. McComb.

(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.

None.

11. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) As Local Preachers.

Wallace P. Manning, Henry J. Nichols, Levi E. Holmes, Eugene F. Gray, James Leitch, Peter Bennett.

(b) Under the Missionary Rule.

None.

(c) Under Seminary Rule.

None.

12. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) As Local Deacons.

John H. Cornelius, Frederick A. Lendrum, George E. Hill.

(b) Under the Missionary Rule.

None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

This was strictly done, as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

(1) The case of S. C. Tiney was referred to the Presiding Elder of Grand Rapids District for investigation.

14. *Who have been transferred and to what Conferences?*

Moses E. Ruesch, a Deacon in the studies of the third year, to the Iowa Conference; S. Fletcher McGuire, a Deacon in the studies of the third year, to the New Hampshire Conference; John S. DeLong, a Deacon in the studies of the fourth year, to the North Dakota Conference; Ralph W. Paul, on trial in studies of first year, to North Dakota Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

I. W. Wallace, S. L. Hamilton, B. W. Smith, Salmon Steele, James Webster, Levi Master.

16. *Who have been Located at their own Request?*

Chalon A. Bates.

17. *Who have been Located?.*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?.*

W. N. Younglove (from the Ministry) E. J. Wilson, C. M. Welch.

19. *Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

J. C. Chase, (3); C. M. Merrill, (2); A. M. Griffith, (3); J. W. Steffe (3); C. A. Varnum, (3); J. I. Buell, (2); J. C. Jewell, (2); W. L. Barth, (2); J. C. Beach, (2); A. F. Hart, (2); Henry G. Hipp, (1); J. E. Messner, (1); F. A. Van De Walker, (1); Levi Aler, (1); Hale H. Miller, (1); Willard E. Ogden, (1); Elliott Bouck, (1); W. L. Holmes, (1); W. J. Getty, (1); L. Grosenbaugh (1); R. W. Van Schoick (1).—21.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

A. A. Stephens, E. A. Tanner, F. J. Freeman, D. G. Green, N. M. Barnes, C. T. VanAntwerp, J. Gulick, A. N. Eldred, L. S. Mathews, B. S. Mills, C. L. Barnhart, J. H. Hopkins, Eli Wigle, G. S. Hickey, R. W. Tindall, C. W. Smith, T. T. George, T. J. Hill, J. W. Horner, G. W. Sherman, E. T. Lumber, W. M. Colby, H. P. Henderson, L. N. Edmonds, E. G. Stevens, I. B. Tallman, L. M. Bennett, J. R. Oden, N. L. Brockway, R. C. Welch, C. W. Jones, Joshua White, J. K. Stark, C. H. Howe, G. W. Howe, W. J. Swift, H. D. Jordan, David Engle, A. E. Ketcham, Jacob Marzolf, A. A. Knappen, D. C. Woodard, D. R. Latham, George Donaldson, J. H. Pietzel, B. S. Pratt, W. A. Prouty, Thomas Riley, W. W. Rork, E. Treadgold, R. Shire, E. D. Bacon, G. C. Draper, N. D. Marsh, O. D. Watkins, R. C. Crawford, James Draper, A. P. Moors, A. A. Dunton, A. J. Eldred, C. S. Fox, J. W. Hollowell, H. R. Hawley, D. S. Haviland, S. P. Hewitt, G. S. Hicks, J. Hoyt, B. H.

Whitman, J. W. Rawlinson, G. S. Barnes, J. R. Bowen, J. E. White, W. Z. Cole, M. F. Loomis, J. A. Sprague, I. H. Skinner, O. H. Perry, S. C. Tiney, L. W. Calkins W. R. Stinchcomb, C. D. Tubbs, Willard Heath, W. H. Choate, Samuel Trewin, M. A. Daugherty, J. F. Orwick.—86.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

Delos Cronk, J. I. Buell, J. W. Hallenbeck, W. L. Laufman, R. E. Meader, W. J. Wilson, G. W. Gosling.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?*

See Statistical Tables.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$60,934.54.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$27,500.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$14,359.68. See Report of the Board of Stewards.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See Appointments.

30. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Referred to the Presiding Elders, with power to act.

Michigan Conference Appointments—1903.

These appointments are all in the State of Michigan. Figures indicate year of pastoral service.

Albion District.

Presiding Elder: D. D. MARTIN, Albion, Mich. First year.

Albion	W. H. B. Urch	3	Ida F. Stiles Memorial.....		
Allen	To be supplied		.....J. W. Vickers	4	
Aurelius	C. A. Norcross	1	North Street.....	Caleb Curry	1
Burlington			Jonesville	C. E. Hoag	3
Supplied by George Yinger	1		Leslie	W. W. Lamport	5
Butler	G. R. Millard	5	Liberty and Somerset Centre.....		
Cambria	A. L. Cook	1	Supplied by Ernest Trombly	1	
Camden and Montgomery			Litchfield	Delos Cronk	5
.....P. R. Keplinger	1		Marengo	T. G. R. Brownlow	1
Charlotte	W. J. Wilson	1	Marshall.....	Adam Clark	2
Concord	Albert Smith	1	Mosherville	L. P. Richtmeyer	1
Devereaux	I. H. Riddick	2	North Adams	E. O. Mather	1
Eaton	Matthew Mullen	1	Osseo and Pittsford.....		
Eaton Rapids.....	R. E. Meader	2	..Supplied by Benoni Gibson	1	
Frontier.....	J. W. White	3	Parma	John Dobson	1
Hanover.....	J. M. Wolfe	2	Partello	A. W. Burns	1
Hillsdale.....	J. A. Bready	1	Prattville	I. W. Minor	2
Homer.....	A. O. Carman	1	Quincy	G. S. Robinson	3
Jackson:—			Reading	F. L. Niles	2
Cooper Street	J. J. Yost	1	Springport.....	A. A. Geiger	4
Dimond			Tekonsha	C. H. Palmatier	4
...Supplied by Walter Jones	1		Tompkins	A. S. Williams	3
First Church	J. T. LeGear	3	Waldron and Amboy.....		
Greenwood Avenue, supplied by			To be supplied R. R. Russell	1	
.....G. E. Sharp	3		Wheatland.....	W. H. Meyer	1
Haven Church.....	F. H. Clapp	2			

John Zedler and F. C. Demarest, professors in Albion College, members of Albion Quarterly Conference.

J. H. Potts, Editor Michigan Christian Advocate, member Jackson First Quarterly Conference.

W. A. Johnson and B. A. Silverthorn, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, members of Albion Quarterly Conference.

Big Rapids District.

Presiding Elder: N. L. BRAY, Post Office, Big Rapids, Mich. Second year.

Ashton. Supplied by C. E. Maltman	1	Big Rapids.....	R. H. Bready	1	
Averill... Supplied by A. D. Nixon	1	Big Rapids, Third Avenue.....			
Beaverton.....	R. D. Freeman	1	.....Douglass Streeter	1
Barryton			Cadillac.....	E. A. Armstrong	5
Supplied by J. H. Cornelius	4		Cadillac Circuit.....	J. A. Quincey	1

Chase..Supplied by F. J. Fetterhoff 1
 Chippewa Lake
 ...Supplied by Edrie Collins 1
 Clare.....W. J. Hathaway 4
 ColemanJ. M. Jensen 2
 Coral....Supplied by A. P. Moors 1
 Crystal Valley.....T. P. Bennett 1
 Edenville..Supplied by H. C. Peck 1
 Edmore.....M. A. Oldt 1
 Entrican
 Supplied by R. H. McGinnis 1
 Evart.....G. A. Brown 6
 Evart Circuit.....
 Supplied by W. W. Chatfield 2
 FarwellG. W. Maxwell 5
 Ferry.....Donald Jamieson 1
 Gladwin.....O. F. Bulman 2
 Greenville.....W. F. Kendrick 2
 Greenville Circuit..W. D. Rowland 1
 Harrison...To be supplied.
 HerseyC. A. Brown 3
 Howard City.....C. E. Pollock 1
 Lake View.....G. K. Fairbanks 1
 Leaton and Indian Mission.....
 Supplied by W. M. D. Riggs 1
 Le Roy..Supplied by J. B. McGinnis 1
 Ludington:—
 First Church..T. H. M. Coghlan 4

Addis Albro Chaplain, Michigan Military Academy, member Mt. Pleasant
 Quarterly Conference.

Grand Rapids District.

Presiding Elder: G. D. CHASE, 209 Woodmere Court, Grand Rapids. First year.

Ada and Whitneyville.....
 Supplied by D. D. Liscohere 1
 Berlin and Lamont.....
 H. C. Chamberlain 1
 Byron Center and Dorr
 Supplied by W. P. Manning 1
 Bowne.....F. H. Larabee 1
 CaledoniaW. F. Glass 4
 Cannonsburg.....To be supplied.
 Casnovia.....H. L. Rood 1
 Cedar Springs.....D. C. Riehl 1
 Coopersville.....S. B. Ford 1
 Fremont
 ...Supplied by E. A. Shewell 2
 Freeport.....M. W. Duffey 1
 Grand Haven.....C. J. Kruse 1
 Grand Rapids:—
 Dickenson.....
 ...Supplied by J. W. Horner 3
 Division Street.....E. G. Lewis 7
 Epworth.....W. W. Slee 1
 Feakins Memorial.....
 Russell H. Bready 3
 Joy Memorial.....John Graham 1

Jefferson Street.....
 Supplied by W. S. Colgrove 1
 Luther.....William Judd 3
 McClure..Supplied by J. W. Perkins 1
 McBain.....C. W. Holden 2
 McClure..Supplied by M. S. Walker 1
 Millbrook
 Supplied by Fred Deighton 3
 Morley..Supplied by A. C. Parsons 4
 Mt. Pleasant.....Joseph Dutton 3
 Paris.....P. D. Huff 1
 Supplied by Chas. Hayward 4
 Pierson
 Supplied by Chas. Haywood 4
 Reed City.....J. W. Hellenbeck 3
 Remus.....E. W. Davis 3
 Rosebush and Indian Mission....
 George Varion 2
 Sears...Supplied by James Catterall 2
 Scottville and Indian Mission....
 W. H. Irwin 4
 Shepherd.....Frank Cookson 3
 Stanton.....H. J. Nicholls 1
 Stanwood..Supplied by L. E. Price 2
 WeidmanL. Blanchett 1
 Wesley...Supplied by D. E. Wade 2
 Winn.....Supplied by G. B. Day 2
 White Cloud.....H. E. Walker 4

Plainfield Avenue..A. H. Sturgis 5
 Second Street.....Thomas Cox 4
 Tenth Avenue...J. F. Peschman 1
 Trinity.....L. E. Lovejoy 5
 Grandville
 Supplied by C. W. Marshall 2
 Hart.....A. H. Coors 5
 Hastings.....Arthur Trott 1
 Hastings Circuit....Charles Ottan 1
 Hesperia..Supplied by J. W. Kidd 1
 Holland.....A. T. Luther 1
 Holton.....To be supplied.
 Irving.....R. B. Cilley 3
 Lake Odessa.....J. H. Wilcox 3
 Lisbon and Edgerton.....
 ...Supplied by Geo. E. Hill 1
 Lowell.....Charles Nearse 3
 Middleville.....C. A. Jacques 2
 Montague.....C. E. Deal 1
 Muskegon:—
 Central.....W. I. Cogshall 1
 Lakewood Heights.....
 J. A. DeGraff 3
 North Muskegon..C. M. Loomis 1

Newaygo and Oak Grove.....
To be supplied
 Pentwater.....W. S. Woodhull 4
 Ravenna.....G. J. Porter 1
 Robinson
Supplied by J. G. Phillips 2
 Rockford.....R. J. Slee 3
 Saranac.Supplied by A. B. Johnson 1

ShelbyJ. W. H. Carlisle 2
 South Lowell.....J. H. Wesbrook 1
 Sparta.....U. E. Partridge 1
 Spring Lake.....To be supplied
 Wayland.....E. E. Haring 1
 White Hall.....G. A. Odum 3
 Vergennes and Keene.....
J. H. Bennett 1

James Hamilton, Conference Claimants' Fund, member Division Street,
 Grand Rapids Quarterly Conference.

D. W. Parsons, Chaplain Michigan Soldiers' Home, member Plainfield Avenue
 Grand Rapids Quarterly Conference.

D. R. Lee, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member
 Joy Memorial Quarterly Conference.

Grand Traverse District.

Presiding Elder, M. M. CARREL, Post Office, Traverse City, Mich. Fifth year.

Alson.....To be supplied.
 Alba.....G. E. Lewis 3
 Alden..Supplied by C. D. Fletcher 2
 Bear Lake
Supplied by C. N. Babcock
 Bellaire.....P. E. Whitman 4
 Benzonia and Honor.....
Supplied by W. H. Herbert 1
 Boyne City...W. W. Aylesworth 1
 Boyne Falls.....To be supplied.
 Central Lake.....
Supplied by A. E. Wynn 1
 Charlevoix.....A. F. Nagler 6
 Charlevoix Circuit..To be supplied
 Clarion.Supplied by G. W. Sherman 1
 Cross Village.....N. H. Kendall 1
 East Jordan.....R. E. Yost 2
 Elk Rapids.....W. A. Robinson 1
 Empire..Supplied by L. E. Holmes 1
 Fife Lake...Supplied by J. Burdge 1
 Frankfort.....A. R. Keillor 1
 Freesoil
Supplied by M. J. Brownell
 Grawn.....W. T. Hill 1
 Harbor Springs.....James Allen 5
 Harrietta..Supplied by C. W. Jones 1
 Horton's Bay.....
Supplied by A. A. Stephens 1
 Inland..Supplied by J. L. Mershon
 Kalkaska.....A. H. McComb 1
 Kewadin..Supplied by C. W. Chase 1
 Kewadin Indian Mission.....
Supplied, Jno. Kewaygeshig 2
 Kingsley.....E. W. Wood 1
 Lake City.....John Bretts 1
 Williamsburg
Supplied by L. B. Carpenter 2

Lake City Circuit.....
Supplied by Daniel Henry 1
 Levering.Supplied by James Leitch 3
 Mackinaw City...To be supplied.
 Mancelona.....D. E. Reed 1
 Manistee.....W. H. Phelps 2
 Manton.....F. J. Bryan 1
 Manton Circuit.....
Supplied by Wm. Haskin 3
 Northport and Indian Mission....
Supplied by J. D. Deets 1
 Norwood.....J. P. Durham 1
 Old Mission.Supplied by W. Heath
 Pellston.....H. V. Wade 1
 Petoskey:—
 First Church.....Arba Martin 1
 Grace Church.....S. W. Large 2
 Petoskey Indian Mission.....
Supplied by Wm. Petoskey 4
 Pleasant View.....
Supplied by A. F. Collins 1
 Sherman.....H. H. Harris 3
 South Boardman.....
Supplied by John Priestly
 South Frankfort.....
Supplied by E. J. Hawks 1
 StittsvilleTo be supplied.
 Thompsonville
Supplied by E. F. Gray 1
 Traverse City:—
 First Church...W. L. Laufman 4
 Second Church..Hugh Kennedy 5
 14th Street.....J. W. Miller 1
 Wexford
Supplied by G. W. Barnes 4

Henry Hindle left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member
 of Pellston Quarterly Conference.

Kalamazoo District.

Presiding Elder: M. M. CALLEN, Post Office Kalamazoo, Mich. Second year.

Allegan.....G. R. Arnold 3
 Athens.....L. A. Sevits 3
 Athens Indian Mission..L. A. Sevits
 Augusta...Supplied by R. J. Chase 1
 Banfield.....C. F. Brown 1
 Battle Creek:—
 First Church.....P. J. Maveety 1
 Maple Street.....C. S. Wheeler 1
 Upton Avenue.....J. W. Foy 3
 Bellevue.....W. A. Taylor 1
 Bloomingdale
 Bradley Indian Mission.....
 ...Supplied by John Pigeon 1
 Climax.....J. H. Emmons 1
 Cloverdale...Supplied by G. T. Fisher
 Comstock.....H. R. E. Quant 1
 Cooper.....L. O. Bostwick 1
 Delton.....A. T. Gosling 1
 Douglass and Saugatuck.....
 C. H. Anderson 2
 Fennville.....T. H. Leamon 1
 Fulton.....N. P. Brown 1
 GalesburgThomas Laity 1
 Ganges.....J. B. Peatling 2
 Glenn and Casco....G. L. Mount 1
 Gobleville.....J. C. DeViney 1

Hopkins Station.....
 Supplied by G. E. Allen 1
 Kalamazoo:—
 Damon.....A. M. Gould 3
 East Avenue.....F. A. Lendrum 1
 First Church.....W. M. Puffer 3
 Simpson.....J. B. Pinckard 5
 Kendall
 Supplied by Arthur Ellsworth 1
 Lacota.....W. R. Kitzmiller 2
 Martin.....J. G. Biery 1
 Mendon.....F. M. Cottrell 1
 Oshtemo.....W. H. Wright 1
 Otsego.....H. D. Skinner 2
 Parkville.....J. C. Dorris 1
 Pennfield...Supplied by F. S. Ford 2
 Plainwell.....F. W. Haist 1
 Prairieville.....Thomas Young 1
 Richland.....To be supplied.
 Schoolcraft.....G. V. Fallis 1
 Scotts.....S. W. Irwin 1
 Sonoma.....F. M. Clough 3
 South Haven.....F. M. Taylor 3
 Trowbridge
 Supplied by W. F. Baldwin 1
 Vicksburg.....W. I. Elmer 3

G. R. McDowell left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member of First Church, Kalamazoo, Quarterly Conference.

S. C. Strickland, Conference Temperance Agent, member First Church, Kalamazoo, Quarterly Conference.

J. C. Floyd, Field Secretary Missionary Society, member First Church, Kalamazoo, Quarterly Conference.

Lansing District.

Presiding Elder: LOUIS DeLA MARTER, Lansing, Mich. Third year.

Alma.....J. W. Davids 1
 Ashley.....J. W. Hayward 2
 Bath.....A. D. Newton 1
 Belding.....J. W. Sheehan 1
 Berlin...Supplied by N. W. Weston 2
 BreckenridgeJ. S. Valentine 4
 Carson City.....George Bullen 1
 Crystal...Supplied by W. W. Hurd 1
 Delta...Supplied by C. H. Kelsey 1
 Dewitt.....E. W. Simmons 1
 Duplain.....E. E. Sprague 1
 Eagle.....John Klose 1
 Elm Hall...Supplied, W. T. Gilpin 1
 Elsie.....I. T. Weldon 1
 Emerson.....D. O. Colegrove 2
 Grand Ledge.....Isaiah Wilson 2
 Gresham.....Wellington Earl 1
 Hoytville.....D. A. Rood 1

Hubbardston.....D. M. Ward 3
 Ionia.....M. L. Fox 3
 Ithaca.....J. C. Cook 4
 Lyons.....H. E. Wylie 1
 Lansing:—
 Central.....W. P. French 1
 First.....W. E. Doty 3
 Maple Rapids.....J. E. Foote 3
 Mason.....N. F. Jenkins 1
 Middleton and Sethon.....
 Supplied, W. H. W. Webster 2
 Nashville.....G. W. Tuthill 1
 Okemos.....N. S. Tuttle 1
 Ovid.....J. R. Wooton 1
 Orange...Supplied by A. E. North 4
 Orleans.....J. W. Buell 4
 Palo.....J. C. Dietrich 3
 Perrinton.....O. J. Golden 1

Portland.....	G. A. Buell	2	Smyrna.....	To be supplied.	
Pottsville.....	L. B. Kenyon	1	Sunfield.....	E. W. Laing	1
St. Johns.....	R. S. McGregor	4	Vermontville.....	W. P. Mosher	2
St. Louis.....	S. C. Robinson	4	Wacousta.....	Willard Aldrich	2
Sheridan.....	Alfred Way	3	Woodland.....	E. R. Lyon	1
Shepardsville.....	W. A. Exner	2			

W. H. Thompson, State Superintendent Children's Home Society of Pennsylvania, member of Central Lansing Quarterly Conference.

Niles District.

Presiding Elder: D. F. BARNES, Post Office, Coldwater, Mich. Third year.

Bangor.....	A. J. Morris	1	Keeler and Silver Creek.....		
Benton Harbor.....	L. E. Lennox	1	.....	C. L. Keene	1
Berrien Springs.....	Edwin Tench	1	Lawrence.....	H. A. Lyon	3
Breedsville...Supplied, John Snell	1		Lawton.....	E. F. Newell	1
Bronson.....	J. N. Dayton	1	Leonidas and Sherwood.....		
Buchanan.....	W. J. Douglass	5	.....	Quinton Walker	4
Burr Oak, Supplied, Geo. E. Pooler	3		Marcellus.....	A. J. Wheeler	1
Cassopolis.....	A. T. Cartland	1	Mattawan.....	Irving Eagle	1
Centerville.....	J. C. Newcomer	6	New Buffalo.....	W. H. Parsons	1
Coldwater.....	F. A. Chapman	1	Niles.....	A. T. Ferguson	3
Coloma and Watervliet.....			Paw Paw.....	A. W. Mumford	1
.....	H. W. Thompson	3	Pipestone.....	To be supplied.	
Colon.....	C. L. Beebe	1	Pokagon.....	J. F. Bowerman	1
Constantine.....	J. C. Upton	3	St. Joseph.....	W. A. Frye	1
Decatur.....	L. H. Manning	4	Stevensville.....	E. N. Jarrett	1
Dowagiac.....	H. L. Potter	4	Sturgis.....	L. N. Pattison	2
Edwardsburg.....	G. W. Gosling	1	Three Oaks.....	To be supplied.	
Galien.....	J. W. Reynolds	2	Three Rivers.....	R. A. Wright	6
Gilead.....	To be supplied.		Union City.....	E. A. Baldwin	4
Girard.....	J. W. Hart	1	Vandalia.....	W. H. Moore	1
Hartford.....	G. F. Craig	4	White Pigeon.....	E. L. Sincleir	1
Kinderhook.....	To be supplied.				

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

From collections in the churches.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Totals.
Albion District	\$ 7,020 75	\$ 7,599 00	\$14,619 75
Big Rapids District	4,247 00	3,054 00	7,301 00
Grand Rapids District	8,354 40	7,222 35	15,576 75
Grand Traverse District	3,322 59	3,890 20	7,212 79
Kalamazoo District	7,585 62	5,976 00	13,561 62
Lansing District	7,551 25	4,934 00	12,485 25
Niles District	5,328 25	2,825 00	8,153 25
Totals	\$43,409 86	\$35,500 55	\$78,910 41

From other sources.

Balance from last year, with interest.....	\$ 3 07
Book Concern Dividend.....	1,526 00
Chartered Fund Dividend.....	22 00
Methodist Publishing Co. Dividend.....	\$ 1,785 88
Conference Trustees Interest on Invested Funds	2,198 00
E. J. Phelps, Special Gift for Conference Claimants	10 00
Division Street Interest on Bissell Fund....	151 00
Sunday Collection for Conference Claimants	131 32
Collected by D. E. Reed for Minutes	51 05
Collection for Conference Expenses	54 54
Collection for Conference Evangelist Rev. Walter Russell	21 55
Collection for Charles Ottan.....	52 62

Total cash from other sources.....\$ 6,007 03

Grand Total — Cash	\$ 49,416 89	
Grand Total — Vouchers		\$35,500 55
Grand Total — Cash and Vouchers..		\$84,917 44

Disbursements.

Objects.	Cash.	Vouchers.	Totals.
To Missionary Society	\$22,640 29	\$ 5,260 80	\$27,901 09
To Church Extension Society.....	2,582 00	80 00	2,662 00
To Freedman's Aid and S. E. Society....	1,814 00	456 00	2,270 00
To Bd. of Education Children's Day Fund.	966 70	682 30	1,649 00
To Albion College	1,908 00	7,869 20	9,777 00
To Tract Society	462 00	26 00	488 00
To Sunday School Union	624 00	46 00	670 00
To American Bible Society.....	663 00	37 00	700 00
To Episcopal Fund.....	1,630 00	10 00	1,640 00
To Board of Stewards Superannuate Endowment Fund	14,194 82		14,194 82
To Albion College 20th Century Fund....	118 00		118 00
To Conference Trustees 20th Century Fund	135 00		135 00
To Miscellaneous 20th Century Fund....		4,619 00	4,619 00
To Other Collections.....		1,363 00	1,363 00
To Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	41 00	9,411 25	9,452 25
To Woman's Home Missionary Society..	40 00	5,612 00	5,652 00
To E. A. Armstrong, Publishing Minutes..	288 30		288 30
T. E. A. Armstrong, Secretary's Expense.	5 00		5 00
To General Conference Expense Fund....	1,178 00	28 00	1,206 00
To Conference Evangelist (Rev. Walter Russell)	21 55		21 55
To G. S. Robinson Statistician's Expense..	28 85		28 85
To Janitor Jackson Church.....	10 00		10 00
To Charles Ottan.....	52 62		52 62
To M. M. Callen Expenses	13 76		13 76
Totals.....	\$49,416 89	\$35,500 55	\$84,917 44

W. F. KENDRICK, *Treasurer.*

Steward's Report.

Claims on Conference Funds\$27,500.

Receipts.

Collections in Churches.....	\$ 8,370 62
Methodist Publishing Company.....	1,785 88
Book Concern	1,526 00
Chartered Fund	22 00
Bissell Fund	151 00
Special, E. J. Phelps.....	10 00
From Board of Trustees—	
Twentieth Century Fund	} 2,198 00
Parkhurst, Mrs. O. F. Pierce..	
Martha J. Van Horn, Susan....	
A. Folsom, W. Scott Brown and P. S. F. S. Funds.....	
Conference Collection	131 32
Borrowed from Trustees.....	130 00
Cash on hand last Conference	34 86
 Total	 \$14,359 68
Last year, 1902.....	\$13,218 34
 Increase	 \$ 1,141 34

Disbursements.

Printing, Stationery, Drafts, Post Office Orders, etc.....	\$ 25 26
Distributed to Conference Claimants	14,303 00
Cash on hand	30 92

\$14,359 68

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL C. REIHL, *Chairman.*
J. W. DAVIDS, *Secretary,*
L. N. PATTISON, *Treasurer.*

Ministers.

NO.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AMOUNT.
1.	Bacon, E. D.	286 Eighth Avenue, Grand Rapids, Mich.	\$169
2.	Barnes, N. M.	Hubbardston	104
3.	*Barnes, G. S.	Petoskey	
4.	*Barnhart, C. L.	Ballard, Mich	
5.	Bennett, L. M.	541 Elizabeth St., Ann Arbor.	117
6.	Bowen, J. R.	Lyons	39
7.	Brockway, N. L.	44 Walton St., Muskegon.	208
8.	Calkins, L. W.	Sparta	156
9.	Colby, W. M.	Parma	195
10.	Cole, W. Z.	Paxton, Neb.	104
11.	Crawford, R. C.	Byron	208
12.	Donaldson, George.	1003 Grand St., Kalamazoo	91
13.	*Draper, J.	Hart	
14.	Draper, G. C.	100 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.	130
15.	Dunton, A. A.	39 Harrison St., Battle Creek.	117
16.	Edmonds, L. M.	Oconto Falls.	91
17.	Eldred, A. J.	Traverse City	234
18.	Eldred, A. N.	Colon	143
19.	Engle, D.	Petoskey	117
20.	Fox, C. S.	Charlotte	78
21.	Freeman, F. J.	Albion	104
22.	George, T. T.	Cedar Springs	130
23.	Green, D. A.	Traverse City	156
24.	Gulick, J.	Albion	130
25.	Haviland, D. S.	Greenville	169
26.	Hawley, H. R.	Morley	117
27.	Heath, Willard.	Traverse City	52
28.	Henderson, H. P.	Albion	104
29.	Hewitt, S. P.	Kewadin	65
30.	*Hicks, G. S.	Wellfleet, Neb	
31.	*Hickey, G. S.	67 King Avenue, Detroit.	
32.	Hill, T. J.	Phoenix, Ariz	52
33.	Hollowell, J. W.	Roscommon	65
34.	Hopkins, J. H.	Goodall, Fla.	78
35.	Horner, J. W.	1 Barkley Place, Grand Rapids.	143
36.	Howe, C. H.	Allendals	117
37.	Howe, G. W.	Albion	143
38.	Hoyt, J.	Allen	104
39.	Jones, C. W.	Pomona	169
40.	Jordan, H. D.	Albion	130
41.	Ketchum, A. E.	South Haven	78
42.	*Knappen, A. A.	Albion	
43.	Latham, D. R.	Abilene, Kansas	208
44.	Loomis, M. F.	Jonesville	117
45.	*Lumber, E. T.	113 S. Van Buren St., Bay City	
46.	Marsh, N. D.	37 John St., Charlotte	169
47.	Marzolf, J.	35 Matthews, Court, Grand Rapids.	104
48.	Matthews, L. S.	East Jordan	91
49.	*Mills, B. S.	Freesoil, Mich	
50.	*Moors, A. P.	Greenville	
51.	Oden, J. R.	Huenenie, Cal.	156
52.	Perry, O. H.	Galesburg	169
53.	Pitezal, J. H.	216 Bank St., Lorain, Ohio	208
54.	Pratt, B. S.	Grand Ledge	156
55.	Prouty, W. A.	Albion	169
56.	Rawlinson, J. W.	516 Clinton St., Detroit.	117
57.	Riley, T.	315 Washington St., Lansing.	104

NO.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AMOUNT.
58.	Rork, W. W.	Agnew	156
59.	Sherman, G. W.	Petoskey	208
60.	Shire, R.	Coopersville	208
61.	Skinner, I. H.	1309 Logan St., San Diego, Cal.	104
62.	*Smith, C. W.	Morley	
63.	Sprague, J. A.	220 W. Main St., Kalamazoo.	91
64.	Stark, J. K.	Midland	169
65.	Stephens, A. A.	Horton's Bay	65
66.	Stevens, E. G.	Cranesville, P.	130
67.	Stinchcomb, W. R.	Petoskey	117
68.	Swift, W. J.	765 Franklin Avenue, Lansing	117
69.	Tanner, E. A.	Grand Haven	78
70.	Tallman, I. B.	Watervliet	91
71.	Tindall, R. W.	Big Rapids	130
72.	Tiney, S. C.	35 Matthews Court, Grand Rapids.	40
73.	Threadgold, E.	Albion	91
74.	*Tubbs, C. D.	Paw Paw	
75.	Van Antwerp, C. T.	Lakeview	104
76.	Van Schoick, R. W.	Coldwater	200
77.	Watkins, O. D.	Box 455, Traverse City	208
78.	Welch, R. C.	Chicago	130
79.	White, Joshua.	Galesburg	78
80.	White, J. E.	Middleville	104
81.	Whitman, B. H.	Elmira	169
82.	*Wigle, E.	Grand Rapids	
83.	Woodard, D. C.	Ovid	52
84.	Aler, Levi.	Cross Village	52

*Relinquished claim.

Widows.

NO.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AMOUNT.
1.	Aldrich, Mrs. W. J.	401 Lyons St., Grand Rapids, Mich.	\$ 65
2.	Ambrose, Mrs. J. C.	Auburn, Cal.	78
3.	Bangs, Mrs. F. B.	Eaton Rapids, Mich.	26
4.	Barrett, Mrs. Wright.	1120 S. West St., Kalamazoo, Mich.	
5.	*Beard, Mrs. E.	193 88th St., New York, N. Y.	
6.	Boynton, Mrs. J.	Stanton, Mich.	
7.	Burge, Mrs. G. H.	Partello, Mich.	39
8.	Burns, Mrs. D.	1212 Jackson St., Albion, Mich.	143
9.	Camburn, Mrs. M. B.	3616 Lake St., Chicago, Ill.	52
10.	Clubine, Mrs. J.	Albion, Mich.	130
11.	Cogshall, Mrs. I.	Coldwater, Mich.	39
12.	*Cook, Mrs. W. F.	542 Fifth St., Traverse City, Mich.	
13.	Cooley, Mrs. E.	804 W. 11th St., Anderson, Ind.	104
14.	*Copelin, Mrs. W. M.	Sonoma, Mich.	
15.	Dissette, Mrs. E. H.	1210 Park St., Indianapolis, Ind.	52
16.	Elder, Mrs. W. W.	412 Trumbull Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.	104
17.	Force, Mrs. J. P.	Galesburg, Mich.	104
18.	*Foster, Mrs. W. S.	16 Liberty St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	
19.	Garlick, Mrs. L. M.	Flint, Mich.	39
20.	Gilbert, Mrs. G. L.	603 Adams St., Marion, Ind.	78
21.	Gillett, Mrs. D. D.	226 Pierce St., Lafayette, Ind.	156
22.	Glass, Mrs. F.	628 Cherry St., Grand Rapids, Mich.	52
23.	Grenstead, Mrs. J.	413 Webster St., Traverse City, Mich.	39
24.	Griffin, Mrs. L. J.	Shelby, Mich.	78
25.	Hamilton, Mrs. S. L.	100 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, Cal.	52
26.	Hills, Mrs. J.	Wauwatosa, Wis.	104
27.	Hunsburger, Mrs. A.	309 S. 6th St., Camden, N. J.	52

NO.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AMOUNT.
28.	Janes, Mrs. F. N.....	Lyons, Mich.....	78
29.	Jennings, Mrs. J.....	Albion, Mich.....	39
30.	*Johnson, Mrs. W. W.....	169 Buckeye St., Grand Rapids.....	
31.	Jones, Mrs. J.....	1811 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, Md....	78
32.	*Joy, Mrs. H. M.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	
33.	*Kellogg, Mrs. E. L.....	613 Washington St., Traverse City, Mich....	
34.	Kitzmiller, Mrs. S.....	122 Cedar St., Kalamazoo, Mich.....	52
35.	Knott, Mrs. J. B.....	169 Cedar St., Lansing, Mich.....	117
36.	Lee, Mrs. G. D.....	Whittier, Cal.	156
37.	*Lyons, Mrs. T.....	Homer, Mich.	
38.	Marble, Mrs. E.....	Bay View, Mich.....	39
39.	Mason, Mrs. Uri.....	Albion, Mich.....	91
40.	Master, Mrs. L.....	147 S. Union St., Grand Rapids, Mich.....	52
41.	McCoy, Mrs. F. L.....	Albion, Mich.....	52
42.	McKee, Mrs. S. D.....	Allegan, Mich.	182
43.	Middleton, Mrs. R. N....	Mancelona, Mich.....	182
44.	Mount, Mrs. N.....	513 E. Cass St., Albion, Mich.....	169
45.	Nix, Mrs. F. H.....	Ovid, Mich.	65
46.	Odle, Mrs. E. L.....	Reed City, Mich.	78
47.	Paddock, Mrs. W. M....	Bronson, Mich.....	130
48.	Pengelly, Mrs. R.....	434 Elm St., Kalamazoo, Mich.....	52
49.	Perrine, Mrs. W. H.....	Valley City, Dakota.....	104
50.	Reid, Mrs. J. W.....	472 Turner St., Grand Rapids, Mich.....	182
51.	Roberts, Mrs. J.....	506 Michigan St., Albion, Mich.....	182
52.	Rolfe, Mrs. A. A.....	342 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, Cal.....	156
53.	Smith, Mrs. M. W. F.....	1001 Cass St., Albion, Mich.	117
54.	*Steele, Mrs. N. M.....	1207 Jackson St., Albion, Mich.....	
55.	Steele, Mrs. S.....	Northport, Mich.....	182
56.	Tanner, Mrs. J. H.....	379 Putnam Avenue, Detroit, Mich.....	91
57.	Taylor, Mrs. I.....	Hillsdale, Mich.....	156
58.	Thomas, Mrs. C. G.....	Lansing, Mich.....	
59.	Van Wyck Mrs. A. J.....	186 Buckeye St., Grand Rapids, Mich.....	156
60.	Wallace, Mrs. I. W.....	Addison, Mich.....	104
61.	Webster, Mrs. J.....	204 Mingo St., Albion, Mich.....	156
62.	Weeks, Mrs. G. W.....	829 Davis St., Evanston, Ill.....	26
63.	Wightman, Mrs. I. R. A...	Box 93, Muskegon, Mich.....	182
64.	Yokum, Mrs. A. H.....	40 Holbrook St., Grand Rapids, Mich.....	104

Special.

NAME.	AMOUNT.
Woodward, Mrs. D. C.....	Funeral expenses 50
Wakefield, Mrs. A.....	50
Fasett, Mrs. N.....	Account funeral expenses 30
*Claim relinquished.	

Missionary Appropriations.

Albion District.

White Work.		Total, \$120.
Devereaux	\$ 40	Wheatland\$ 40
Burlington	40	

Big Rapids District.

White Work.		Total, \$1,138.
Barryton	\$ 75	Ferry 75
Beaverton	200	Ludington, Jefferson St. 80
Chase	75	Luther 80
Chippewa Lake	75	McBain 50
Coleman	60	Millbrook 68
Crystal Valley	40	Remus 40
Entrican	50	Weidman 60
Evart Circuit.....	50	White Cloud 60

Indian Work.		Total, \$175.
Leaton		\$ 75
Rosebush		60
Scottville		40

Grand Rapids District.

White Work.		Total, \$257.
Grand Haven.....	\$ 60	North Muskegon\$ 40
Holton	40	Newaygo 27
Lisbon	40	Spring Lake 50

Grand Traverse District.

White Work.		Total, \$1,593
Alanson	\$ 60	Kingsley\$ 50
Alden	40	Lake City Circuit 80
Benzonia	60	Mackinaw City 60
Boyne Falls	60	Manton Circuit 60
Charlevoix Circuit	80	Old Mission 50
Clarion	50	Pellston 100
Cross Village	60	Petoskey, Grace 100
Fife Lake	60	Pleasant View 60
Free Soil	50	Sherman 60
Grawn	60	South Boardman 40
Harrietta	60	South Frankfort 60
Horton's Bay	50	Thompsonville 70
Inland	40	Traverse City, 14th St..... 73

Indian Work.		Total, \$225.
Kewadin		\$ 65
Northport		80
Petoskey		80

Kalamazoo District.

White Work. Total, \$152.	
Delton	\$ 40
Kalamazoo, East Ave.....	32
Indian Work. Total, \$100.	
Athens Indian Mission	\$ 50
Bradley Indian Mission	50

Lansing District.

White Work. Total, \$240.	
Berlin Center	\$ 75
Crystal	100
Hoytville	
\$ 65	

Recapitulation by Districts.**WHITE WORK.**

Albion District	\$ 120
Big Rapids District	1,138
Grand Rapids District	257
Grand Traverse District	1,593
Kalamazoo District	152
Lansing District	240
<hr/>	
Total	\$3,500

INDIAN WORK.

Big Rapids District	\$ 175
Grand Traverse District	225
Kalamazoo District	100
<hr/>	
Total	\$ 500

JOHN GRAHAM, *President.*MORTON D. CARREL, *Secretary.*

I concur in these appropriations,

Cyrus A. Foss

Reports of Committees.

Auditing.

We have examined the vouchers of the Presiding Elders for the missionary money disbursed to the various charges, also the accounts and vouchers of the retiring Conference Treasurer, and find them to be correct. The following bills have been examined and approved:

Expenses of Conference Secretary.....	\$ 5 50
Expenses of retiring Secretary	18 50
Expenses of Statistician	\$28 85
Expenses of Conference Treasurer	75

Total\$53 60

N. P. BROWN,
WILLARD ALDRICH,
C. L. BEEBE,

Committee.

Bible Cause.

Believing that the Bible is the Word of God, written by men inspired by God, and therefore should be the guide of all mankind as by it God is revealed to him, and is taught his relation to God. Further, we believe it to be the great messenger of *truth*, and is therefore one of the greatest agencies whereby God brings man back to Him.

We are sorry to have to report that there is a decrease of about \$230 in our contributions for this great cause.

We therefore recommend that each pastor be requested to use his earnest effort to increase the contributions of our people to this great cause.

G. K. FAIRBANK,
W. P. MOSHER,
HUGH KENNEDY,

Book Concerns.

We rejoice in the increased prosperity of the publishing interests of the Church and are pleased to note the continuation of that careful and conservative business policy which has characterized the management of the Book Concern from the beginning of its history.

We believe it to be the duty of the Church to furnish its people with a high grade of literature at a minimum cost. Quality, not quantity, quality rather than profits should be the aim. In this connection we desire to record our appreciation of the very noticeable improvements made in the appearance and

character of our Sunday School supplies, and we trust that these improvements may aid our Presiding Elders and pastors in securing the introduction of our Sunday School literature into every school within the bounds of this Conference not now using it. Out with the stuff of pirate houses, *in* with the splendid productions of our own Church.

The Book Concern belongs to us and ought to receive all the aid we can give it. Let us buy from it and pay for what we buy as promptly as possible.

Also, in view of the discussion now going on, with reference to the reconstruction or consolidation of our publishing interests, we would suggest conservative action rather than any radical change which might result in the impairment of the usefulness or in diminishing the working appliances of the Book Concern.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. MCGREGOR,
WILLIAM A. TAYLOR,
J. W. BUELL,

Board of Church Extension.

The Board of Church Extension, organized in 1866, has, in the past thirty-six years, collected and disbursed \$7,748,781.00, with which 12,356 Churches have been helped. To this fund our Conference has contributed \$49,107.00 and has received therefrom, \$58,547.00 in return, thus helping 222 Churches, for which we desire to express our profound appreciation and heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension and the Church at large on the great success of this work in the past, especially that of the past year.

The part our Conference is to take in both giving and receiving is definitely fixed by the general committee from year to year. For the ensuing year our Conference is asked to raise by collections, \$6,000, one-half of which may be returned to our needy Churches.

But whereas there are sections of our Conference where there is great and urgent need of Churches which the people are unable to provide for themselves, and because of this the work is greatly hindered, and whereas there are many who are not sufficiently impressed with a sense of duty, so that thus far we have not raised 50 per cent. of our apportionment and our needy Churches are suffering proportionately, therefore be it

Resolved, That instead of giving one-tenth as much for Church extension as for missions that, we as a Conference will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the general committee, until all the people in our land shall be furnished with places of worship.

Resolved, Second, That we call the attention of the Board to the urgent needs of our own Conference and the utter insufficiency of the amount appropriated to meet the demands, and ask that the Board give a more liberal proportion of the moneys raised for use in this Conference.

Resolved, Three, That we met and heard with great pleasure the new secre-

tary of the Board, Rev. Robert Forbes, D. D. and shall welcome his return in the future.

W. L. LAUFMAN,
W. J. HATHAWAY,
R. J. SLEE,
A. O. CARMAN,
F. M. TAYLOR.

Committee.

Conference Claimants.

We have carefully considered the subject assigned to us, and we are convinced that the funds arising from Conference collections, publishing interests, charter fund, etc., are inadequate for a comfortable support of our Conference Claimants, widows and orphans connected with our Church and Conference. Therefore we hail with delight the work which is being done by our field agent, the Rev. James Hamilton. We rejoice in what he has already achieved, and pray God's blessing upon him during this coming Conference year.

Brethren, open your Churches to this man of God. He is doing the Master's business. Make it easier for him by paving the way for his work. Tell your people that he has been appointed to this work by the Bishop at the unanimous request of the Michigan Annual Conference. Do all you can to increase this endowment fund. Let us help push it up to at least \$100,000 during this Conference year. In no case shall we let the regular annual collection in our Churches, for this cause, decrease, but rather, may they increase.

These men who have given their lives to God and His work, having spent all their young manhood strength not in making money but in saving men, and in building up the Church, should not now be permitted, in the afternoon of life, when strength is declining, and the shadows gathering, to suffer from penury and want because of an inadequate support furnished by the Church for which they have given their strength and lives.

J. W. DAVIDS,
D. W. PARSONS,

District Conference Records.

Your committee on District Conference Records would report that we have examined the District Conference Records of Big Rapids and Niles Districts and find them correctly kept.

THOMAS YOUNG,
D. E. REED,
W. EARL,

Committee.

Education.

By the genius of our government, the State is forbidden to educate the whole man. But the Church is free to deal with him in the entirety of his faculties and powers. She aims at the proportional development of the entire man, physical,

mental and moral. We hold this to be a sufficient reason for the existence of Christian schools.

We rejoice in the knowledge that nearly all the higher educational resources of the country are under Christian influence, or control, whose chief aim is to produce this ideal culture, and aid the Church in her effort to save the world. It is also gratifying to know that our Church is rendering worthy service in the direction of the higher education. Her colleges and seminaries were never in a more prosperous condition, and were never doing better work than now. We congratulate the more than 100,000 Methodists of Michigan on the fact that Albion College has been delivered from the incubus of a great debt during the year. We recognize the splendid generalship of Dr. Dickie and his chief of staff, Dr. Dawe, which made possible this magnificent victory, and join with the Detroit Conference in asking for the continuation of Dr. Dawe as Field Agent. Michigan Methodism is now amply assured that under the able presidency of Dr. Dickie, Albion College will stand in the forefront of Christian colleges, and be a leading factor in promoting the higher education in this country.

We recommend that our membership give ten cents per capita to the educational collection, which goes toward the support of Albion College.

Your committee also recommend that a "College Day" be observed on each charge annually in the interest of the college and general Christian education.

Our "Schools of the prophets," notably, Garrett Biblical Institute, Drew Seminary and Boston School of Theology, as the reports show, are doing excellent work and are especially deserving of our attention and support.

We have heard with deep interest President Goucker's presentation of the great purpose and work of the Woman's College of Baltimore, concerning which Bishop Fowler says: "It is my deliberate judgment that this college is the best place on earth to give a young woman a thorough education." Methodist parents will be wise who utilize this open door of opportunity for the best education of their daughters.

The Children's Day fund, under the able supervision of the Board of Education, is doing a worthy and helpful service. We urge that the day be observed, and a collection taken in every charge, according to the Discipline.

Your committee present the following nominations:

Trustees to Albion College — L. E. Lovejoy, David Erwin.

Visitors to Albion College — J. W. Davids, W. P. Mosher.

Visitors to Boston University — W. L. Laufman, J. C. Newcomer.

Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute — J. A. Brady, one year; A. J. Wheeler, two years.

Visitors to Woman's College, at Baltimore — R. S. McGregor, Thomas Cox.

Members of Wesleyan Guild — D. D. Martin, W. M. Puffer.

Trustee of Northwestern University — E. G. Lewis.

J. W. H. CARLISLE,

G. F. CRAIG,

A. H. McCOMB,

R. E. MEADER,

J. C. COOK,

E. O. MATHER,

H. E. WYLIE,

Committee.

Epworth League.

The Epworth League is the young life of the Church, organized for aggressive religious activity among and for the young people, in and for the church. It is a part of the Church, not *a* Church, nor *the* Church. The distinction is vital and is sometimes, we fear, to judge from some reports that reach us, lost sight of.

If the organization of the Epworth League results in a segregation of the young from the old, into what practically amounts to a young people's Church, to the neglect of the established services and regular activities of the Church, then its organization will prove a misfortune.

We therefore call upon all League leaders, both general and local, as well as upon our splendid body of young people, to guard against so lamentable a contingency.

The Epworth League, as it grows older, is beset by a peril on the other side, viz: a failure to keep in vital touch with the developing youth of the Church and community. Our Leaguers should be constantly recruited from below. To keep the rising generation in touch with the Church and its activities, and to make of them intelligent and loyal members of the Church militant, is a splendid field of action for our Epworth League, calling for sanctified tact, religious enthusiasm and denominational fidelity. The solution of this problem, whether through Junior and Intermediate Leagues, or by whatever other means, may well occasion serious thought to the leaders of our young people.

The success of the Detroit convention is a matter of local and general denominational pride. It ought to, and doubtless will, result in permanent gain to Michigan Methodism.

The comprehensive plans of Bible study offered by the Epworth League course ought to result in the formation of many such classes, and in a vastly increased knowledge of the Bible and of Scriptural history.

We rejoice that the organization of the League affords such excellent opportunity for the culture of systematic benevolence, of world evangelism, and of good citizenship. These plans are worthy the highest success. May they be faithfully employed by our societies.

The desire for social diversion is characteristic of young people and offers a convenient means of attracting and attaching young people to the church. Let our Leaguers be conservers of the purest and best in the way of social amusements. Let such means be freely and wisely employed for spiritual purposes. We do not need to be less social, but we do need to be more religious.

The prosperity of The Epworth Herald is well deserved and we rejoice thereat. The wider dissemination of it and of the set of League reading books is greatly to be desired. If the books of these several sets were placed in our Sunday School libraries, they would serve a most excellent purpose.

J. R. WOOTON,
A. W. SIMMONS,
C. H. PALMATIER,
L. H. MANNING.

Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society is a great missionary organization, whose providential purpose is not only the evangelization and uplifting of *two great races*, but the *saving of a nation*. The two great *social problems* before our land today are the *labor problem* and the *race problem*. This *Society* is set for the solving of the *latter*. Until this problem is brought to solution, the States of the *South* must remain in unstable social equilibrium, and will continue to *suffer* in their domestic, industrial and religious life. And while a chronic *disease* affects the *South*, the *North* cannot be *healthy*. The *Negro* problem thus becomes the problem of the *Republic*.

Since the days of St. Paul, the Church has depended upon two great agencies for the redemption of *society*—*evangelization* and *education*, and on these great principles the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society is founded.

Last year our Society, on an income which would be hardly sufficient to sustain *one* of our great Northern Universities, maintained 43 *schools* in the South—colleges, universities and professional schools, supported 434 teachers and brought under the refining influences of these schools and teachers *more than 10,000* students. Twenty-five years ago our schools began the work of industrial training. This is now carried on more or less in all our institutions, and particularly in Claflin, Clark, Walden and Wiley Universities. Last year these schools enrolled 3,581 *students* in industrial work.

The *need* of an educational uplift for the *South* is *apparent* when we consider that nearly 11 per cent. of all the *white* people of this section over ten years of age are unable to either *read* or *write*, while of the *Negro population*, 49 per cent. are thus *absolutely illiterate*. Can we *wonder* at the apparently slow progress of the Southern Negro when we face the fact that *every second man or woman* is kept an ignoramus?

The question is sometimes asked: "*Why concern ourselves with this problem? Why not leave these matters to the people of the South?*" Because, first, the *South* is thus far either *unable* or *unwilling* to *solve* this problem. In Georgia, for example, where *half* the *children* are *Negroes*, only 20 per cent. of the public school fund is allotted to their use, while suitable *schoolhouses* for the *blacks* are almost unknown. Because, secondly, the *Federal Government* is indisposed to do anything for their relief. We heartily *approve* the beneficence of our *Government* in providing for the *intellectual uplifting* of our new *insular possessions*, but while *shiploads* of teachers are sent by our *Government* to the *Philippine Islands*, we have strangely *abandoned* a helpless race, brought to our shores by the avarice of our *forefathers*, to the tender mercies and prejudices of their former *masters*. The *whole problem* is thus left for the *Churches* to *solve*. Shall we *shrink* from it, or attempt it half-heartedly?

We recommend a *more thorough study* of this pressing problem by all our *pastors*, a careful perusal of the "*Christian Educator*," and of the new series of tracts, which are now being issued to all *pastors* who apply, the general observance the coming years of the Lincoln Birthday program, and a faithful effort, on the part of *every Church*, to meet its *full apportionment* to this cause.

LUTHER E. LOVEJOY,
G. A. ODLUM,
CHARLES NEASE,

CHARLES OTTON,
J. B. PEATLING,
Committee.

Periodicals.

Men grow by that they feed upon. This is a reading age. The mind is inquisitive. Schools and colleges have qualified the masses for perusing books and publications. The secular press cannot be relied upon for furnishing us with what is required here by the Church. Much that is vitiating is found in almost all the columns of her publications. The public taste is depraved and secular editors pander to its cravings. No healing branch will be cast into the pool by such hands. We look for that which is clean and undefiled among the secular periodicals in vain. So the Church must supplant these with that which is pure and ennobling. Our editors must be urged to give us that which is spicy as well as clean; to make their columns so intensely interesting that our people will not fail to peruse every issue. This may be as difficult as for pastors to preach so as to hold their congregations, but it must be done if we succeed.

We have no criticism to give expression to. Our periodicals are as good as the best. No denomination has better to offer. We stand in this as in other respects, in the front rank. We find, and are gratified for the discovery, that especially our Sunday School periodicals have a circulation far beyond the bounds of our own denomination. We appreciate the excellence of all our official publications and will endeavor to increase the lists of those which ought to circulate upon our charges, while at the same time we recognize the "Michigan Christian Advocate," because of the help it furnishes in supporting our Conference Claimants and its devotion to the interests of Michigan Methodism, as having a claim, equal to those official publications, upon us, and will not be satisfied or cease our efforts to increase its circulation until it is found in all our homes.

ALBERT SMITH,
G. A. BUELL,
A. A. GEIGER.

Sabbath Observance.

Sabbath desecration is but an expression of the profane spirit of the age. Hitherto, we have received but little help from the so-called Sunday laws, and despair of bringing about a reform by legislation. Our hope obviously lies in creating and sustaining a wide-spread and deep-seated sentiment against the sacreligious use of the Sabbath day. The spirit of profanity has undoubtedly entered the Church and finds expression to a lamentable degree in Sunday excursions, Sunday visiting and feasting, and the tendency to look upon the Lord's day merely as a cessation from secular toil. The conception of a holy day, not entering the minds of many, and these, let it be noted, are members of our Church.

We must call upon our Christian people everywhere to stand shoulder to shoulder to help in stemming this oncoming worldliness that threatens to submerge us. To this end let the people not only preserve a clear conscience personally but be disposed to sacrifice and suffer much inconvenience that a re-enforced power of example be added to that of precept.

Let us by every proper means discourage Sunday traffic, and deny ourselves of unnecessary indulgences that necessitate Sunday labor.

In building for the future, the psychological and physiological needs of the child should be considered and provision for mental and physical activity pro-

vided for, lest the child should learn to hate the Sabbath as a day of bondage and irrational restrictions.

In the strongest terms let us denounce the riotous gatherings in the suburbs of our towns and cities, commonly known as Sunday baseball, the baseness of which is not lessened by the fact that a portion of the gate receipts is given for charitable purposes.

The Sunday theatre bids for the patronage of our people. As ministers let us not make ourselves ridiculous by competing with professionals in buffoonery, but with the old song and story, and demonstrations of the saving power of the everlasting Gospel, let us be in readiness to feed the incoming prodigal, as often as he shall turn from the husks.

In consideration of the tendency of inventive genius to lessen individual labor, and the tendency of the age to attain the same end by specialization, let it be with the greatest care that we oppose the labors of men who in truth are lessening the sum total of Sabbath labor, that would otherwise be necessary from private efforts.

It were better that we adjust ourselves to the new conditions of our wonderful civilization than that the wheels of progress pass over and leave us. In an ideal state of society we imagine that the scheme of social service will consist of much more than praying and hearing sermons, and possibly at that time, the begrimed stoker and engineer with the electricians at the power houses may by their service to man be worthy of the name Christian.

We must leave it to the individual conscience to decide the limitations of good works and necessary labors, or legitimate activity on the Lord's day, and would only suggest that in consideration of the magnitude of the question and the importance of the principles involved, that great care be taken in the handling.

We advocate the circulation of literature and the preaching of sermons on the subject.

J. E. FOOTE,
W. E. DOTY,
JOHN DOBSON,
EMERY A. BALDWIN.
C. S. WHEELER.

Committee.

The State of the Church.

The year that is past will go down in Methodist history as a great year. God has blessed Methodism, a blessing that is to be interpreted as His reminder of our responsibility for the success of His kingdom. We have done well, but God expects us to do better.

Our present need is seven-fold:

First,—We need a greater enthusiasm for the evangelization for the world in this generation. The Church has taken hold of missions, but the missionary idea has not yet completely conquered the Church.

Second.—We need a greater determination to destroy the saloon in this generation. We are raising up a mighty army of men whose hands are clean of

money paid over the bar of a saloon, and who will be satisfied with nothing but the death of saloonism.

Third.—We need a Sunday that is truly a Christian Sabbath. Organized labor and organized Christianity are letting the Sabbath slip through their fingers.

Fourth.—We need more young men in our Churches. Some Churches have failed to act upon the warning that a boy's chances are half gone when he is sixteen. The High school boy is the boy we want.

Fifth.—The Church needs to stand by its old attitude on the amusement question. Whether these things are wrong or not, or whether the Article in the Discipline stands or falls, it is our business to declare the truth that is born of the experience of the past hundred years, that no Church can do these things and win.

Sixth.—We need a better knowledge of the Word, that by it we may really come to know Christ. We need not fear honest criticism, but we have need to be fearful of ignorance of the Word.

Seventh.—We need to keep Christ upon the throne. Other things are continually wooing for the first place in the affections of our men. The shop, club, lodge, even the home, are not to have the first place. It still pays to make Jesus King, and to seek His kingdom first.

May the blessing of God rest upon our Church and make Methodism a power and a blessing in the world.

Signed,

W. H. PHELPS,
J. W. HALLENBECK,
G. L. MOUNT,
J. S. VALENTINE.

Report on the Federation of Evangelical Churches.

1. Your committee considers that it would be a misfortune not to send representatives to the body.

2. This Methodist Conference is not one whit behind other bodies in desiring such a federation.

3. We favor the election as delegates of two of the wisest men of the Conference, to represent this body and to assist in working out the details of a just and impartial constitution.

W. H. PHELPS, *Chairman*.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.

We recognize in the Sunday School one of the most important factors, not only in the religious and educational life of our own age, but of the ages to come, since the Sunday School teaches the Bible and brings the Gospel to vast multitudes in the receptive periods of childhood. The total Sunday School population in the United States is more than 13,150,000, of whom there are in the Methodist Episcopal Church over 32,390 Sunday Schools, with 351,402 officers and teachers, and more than 2,758,429 scholars.

First.—Your committee recommend that our Methodist publications alone be used in our Sunday Schools. They are safe in doctrinal teaching, tend to promote Church loyalty and are as cheap as any others, especially when quality is considered.

Second.—We also recommend that greater emphasis be laid upon the attendance of parents and other adults of our congregations in the Sunday Schools, because the presence of men and women gives the school a prestige in the minds of the pupils, increasing their respect for this service.

Third.—We also recommend that where one has not already been organized, a cradle roll be instituted, enrolling all the children too young to attend. Also that a Home Department be organized, a competent Superintendent be elected, with assistants, the pastor giving the matter his personal oversight. We would call the attention to the splendid helps published by our Book Concern for Home Department work. We also suggest that, as far as possible, a normal class, or a weekly teachers' meeting be held in every place where there is a Sunday School.

Fourth.—Your committee also calls attention to the increasing attention which is being given to Decision Day, and its value in bringing children to Christ.

We believe that the development of the Sunday Schools of Methodism to the highest possible efficiency, as agencies for securing the personal salvation of their members, and schools for instruction in Bible truths and the distinctive doctrines of our Church, is of vital importance to the Church, therefore,

Resolved: That a committee of three be appointed by this Conference to draft and present to the General Conference, a memorial urging that provision be made for the appointment in each annual Conference, of one or more Sunday School Field Secretaries, who shall devote their whole time to Sunday School work, within the boundaries of their Districts, entering into as close touch as possible with the individual schools, holding institutes and schools of instruction for training local workers, and doing such other work of a similar nature as the interests of the Sunday Schools may require.

The Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church aids in the circulation of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets, throughout the entire world. It is circulating literature in at least twelve languages in the United States alone, and in more than twenty languages in foreign lands, every year it gives away 11,000,000 pages of tracts in the United States alone, besides sending \$12,000 annually to our mission stations for the aid in the publication and circulation of religious literature. During the last year it has distributed tracts to the soldiers in nearly all our camps, to the sailors and marines wherever access could be obtained, to the prisons and public institutions throughout our land wherever application was made, and to thousands of pastors in their charges, bringing Christ to many hearts. We recommend that every pastor in our Conference take a collection for the Tract Society, and thus aid in the spread of Gospel truth.

ARTHUR W. MUMFORD,
W. H. MOORE.

Temperance.

By far the greatest evil which the Church of God has to deal with at the present time is that of intemperance in the use of strong drink. Notwithstanding all that has been written and said upon this subject, we observe a steady increase in the use of intoxicating liquors, having a wide-spread, pernicious effect upon the health of the worker, the happiness of the home and the welfare of the Republic. The liquor power so strongly entrenched in the political life and social customs of our nation, never was more powerful, never more persistent, never more ubiquitous and never more arrogant than now; pushing their products into the homes, and advertising far and wide. If ever was needed earnest, aggressive work on the part of the Church of God to put an end to the work of the saloon, it is today. The Methodist Episcopal Church is a great temperance organization, having made full provision through its Discipline for thorough discussion of this subject and the education of public sentiment. The General Conference declared "Both science and human experience agree with the Scripture in condemning all alcoholic beverages as being neither useful nor safe. The business of manufacturing and of vending such liquors is also against the principles of morality, political economy and the public welfare. We therefore regard voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance and the complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as the duty of civil government."

Our ministry, by the faithful observance of the Discipline, can do much toward the education of the public conscience. The pulpit is the place of power. It is a molder of public opinion. It declares the law and the gospel. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ can never triumph as long as the curse of alcoholism is among men. And we regard it as a wise provision that preachers shall call their temperance committee at least once a quarter, see that the Sunday Schools are organized into temperance societies and that temperance instruction is imparted. We heartily endorse the action of the General Conference in providing for a permanent committee on temperance and prohibition and we endorse the purpose of that committee to circulate freely among our people, temperance literature in the form of tracts. We will observe the recommendations of the Discipline by holding temperance rallies on the fourth Sunday in November, or as near that as possible, sending one-fourth of the collection to Dr. H. Lemcke, 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.; one-fourth to the Treasurer of our Conference committee and one-half to be used by the local Church for the circulation of temperance literature. We rejoice in the signs of progress. We welcome the aid which science affords and note the advance indicated by the prohibition of liquor to men in places of great responsibility, such as on railroads, in armies, and where employers are becoming more strict in the habits of employees. We believe at the present time a revival of sentiment in regard to this evil would accomplish much good, therefore we hail the declared purpose of the Epworth League to make the coming year one of temperance agitation, and we will co-operate in every way in our power. The moral sentiment of the community must grow. It must be cultivated in the young, fostered in the home by good examples and precepts, instructed by facts in public speech and prepared for a final battle of the

ballots; a sentiment that will not only provide wise legislation, but insist upon the enforcement of laws.

Believing that our national Government should do all in its power to protect our young soldiers, we would again express our gratitude to Congress for such legislation as keeps the saloon in any form from doing business at the army posts of this country, and hope that this prohibitive legislation may be added to until upon no Government territory may be found a licensed saloon.

We believe that Congress has taken an important step in the right direction, by the appropriation of \$500,000 for the building and maintenance of certain places at the army posts for the recreation and sociability of the men, without the temptation to drink.

We desire to express our approval of such legislation of a national character as has driven the saloon from the Capitol of Washington, and the various immigrant stations of our land. We would respectfully request every member of the Michigan Annual Conference to send to the Representatives and United States Senators from this State, petitions for the enactment of the so-called Hepburn bill, which places all liquors of an intoxicating nature under the police power of the State into which they may enter in original packages.

Inasmuch as the American Anti-Saloon League will hold its eighth national convention in Washington, D. C., in December, 1903, and it is important that such convention be largely attended, we recommend the appointment of one delegate from this Conference, to attend that body.

Rejoicing in and commending the successful work of the Anti-Saloon League in counties, and the selection of good men for office, we agree that we will aid it in every way in our power, and urge our people to be increasingly active in the enforcement of existing laws.

THOMAS COX,
A. W. BURNS,
H. L. POTTER,
H. H. HARRIS,
R. E. YOST,
L. B. KENYON.

Committee.

Twentieth Century Thank-Offering Superannuate Fund.

Bishop and Brethren:

At no time was the task assigned me of raising \$100,000.00 for our Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund an easy or enviable one, but as the period for the Thank-offering movement came to a close, the difficulty was greatly increased and it is only due the Conference and myself, that these hinderences should be frankly stated at this time.

1. As the number of charges to be canvassed grew less, the difficulty of making appointments, in the nature of things, increased. The situation, however, was further embarrassed by the following considerations:

1. The number of men in any Conference who will cheerfully welcome an agent to their pulpits to plead for any cause outside the annual budget, and the

benevolent apportionments for the year, will always be considerably less than its entire membership.

2. Not all Official Boards, when consulted, will readily give their consent to such appeals, and certainly without their approval and co-operation, no canvass could be made a success.

3. The number of charges where new Church or parsonages are in process of erection, and where others are struggling to pay off burdensome debts, still farther limited the field.

4. The "open door emergency movement," calling for a mighty advance in missionary effort, has challenged the generosity of our people beyond precedent.

5. Finally the determined, desperate, but, thank God, triumphant effort of Albion College to free itself from debt, more than anything else made it difficult to secure endowment funds this year. For the first few months after Conference I found it impossible to command any of the leading pulpits to plead my cause, in consequence of this tremendous pressure; indeed, but two of this class—Ionia and Petoskey—have opened to me at any time during the year. In view of these adverse conditions, the wonder is, not that we did not secure a more generous response, but that under the circumstances endowment funds could be raised at all.

Thanks to our pastors and people on the smaller stations and circuits, together with the two abler appointments above referred to, I have been enabled to keep steadily at work and will report as good an average as the previous years.

The following is the exhibit of the work for the year:

Cash and interest bearing notes.....	\$12,865 00
Non-interest bearing obligations.....	8,325 00
Subscriptions, not included in the above.....	1,148 00
Two lots in Grossdale, Ill.....	200 00
Two lots in Decatur, Mich.....	100 00
Two lots in Lyons, Mich.....	150 00
Two shares of capital stock of Manufacturers and Re- tailers' Association, Limited, (value undetermined)	
annual distribution	110 00
Total	\$22,898 00

In addition to all the above, I am authorized to assure the Conference that the generous layman who has promised to build a dozen or more Conference Claimants' homes, will certainly carry out his purpose in the near future.

If we add this gift, and what is definitely promised us in "wills," to funds already in hand, we will ultimately have a sum considerably in excess of the magnificent endowment fund of \$100,000.00 originally proposed. With gratitude to God for sparing my life and giving me health and strength to labor, and thanks to my brethren for their loyal support and hearty co-operation, I submit my third annual report.

JAMES HAMILTON.

Albion College.

I take pleasure in presenting the following condensed report of the work and conditions of Albion College, for the scholastic year ending June 18, 1903:

STUDENTS.

College of Liberal Arts.....	230
Sub-Collegiate Students	85
Conservatory of Music.....	128
School of Painting.....	20
Business Department	110
Total	582
Deduct for re-counting.....	140
Total	442

FINANCES.

While all the financial transactions of the institution are subject to the careful scrutiny of the Board of Trustees, what is herein stated is simply for the purpose of conveying to the Conference a general view of our financial situation:

ASSETS.

Buildings, grounds and appliances, at a conservative valuation..	\$250,000
Productive Endowment Fund.....	255,000
Total	\$505,000

RECEIPTS.

Without attempting to quote in full the financial exhibit presented to the Board at the annual meeting in June, it will be sufficient for our present purpose to call your attention to the fact that for the last three years the interest upon the endowment fund has averaged \$13,600 per annum. For the same period the fees paid by students have averaged \$14,500. This gives us from the two sources, interest upon the endowment fund and students' fees, a trifle more than \$28,000.

The Conference collections vary considerably from year to year but under the resolutions which for several years have been adopted by both Conferences, the collections, if full, would yield about \$10,000 per annum. As a matter of fact the sum received from the Churches in the form of the regular educational collections has varied from \$5,000 to \$8,000. If the Conference collections can be maintained at the maximum figure of \$8,000, or still better, if the ordinary apportionment of ten cents per member can be realized, the three sources of income named, interest on endowment fund, students' fees and Conference collections will be adequate to meet all the running expenses of the college.

THE DEBT.

It is a source of profound gratitude and genuine thanksgiving to all the friends of the institution that the people rallied so thoroughly to the call of the college during the special effort made in the closing months of 1902. It will be remembered that a somewhat vigorous campaign was prosecuted for the purpose

of raising a sufficient sum to liquidate our indebtedness and that very largely subscriptions were taken conditioned upon securing the entire amount before the close of the year 1902. I have to report that before the close of December 31, 1902, we had secured in cash, notes, pledges and other good and valuable assets, applicable to the extinguishment of the debt, a sum sufficient to liquidate the entire indebtedness, and with a small margin which ought to be adequate to meet such inevitable shrinkage as will occur from the death of subscribers and the occasional failure of a subscriber to pay his pledge.

It will be understood that our debt is funded, and that even if the entire amount pledged were already in our hands in cash, we could not actually take up our paper, save as the holders were willing to relinquish it, before maturity. We are pressing the matter of collections with all necessary vigor and I take pleasure in reporting that up to date we have actually paid, cancelled and retired \$45,000 of our outstanding notes. Cash on hand and notes that are maturing from month to month will care for our obligations as fast as they become due, unless most unprecedented and unexpected shrinkage shall occur. For this consummation so long and devotedly desired, those of us who are immediately connected with the college desire to express our deep sense of obligation to the ministers of the Conference who so generally and generously responded to the call for help.

THE STUDENT BODY.

It is a matter of no small satisfaction to be able to say to the Conference that while now and then we find an exception to the rule, the great body of our students are earnest and conscientious young men and women, more than three-fourths of whom are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Nearly all denominations are represented in the student body. Our Thursday night prayer meetings, which constitute a very fair test of the religious life of the institution, are regularly attended by more than half of our students, a proportion greatly in excess of the prayer meeting attendance of the average Church.

The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. organizations are active and constant in doing very valuable Christian work among the unconverted members of the student body. Mission study classes are organized and in general it may be said that the religious life of the student body is on a high plane.

SUGGESTIONS.

Pastors frequently ask what they can do for the college. Without attempting an exhaustive answer to this question, let me suggest that the average pastor is in a situation to render helpful service to the college along either or both of two lines of activity:

First, wherever possible, the pastor can be of great service to the college in turning the attention of men and women of means to the desirability of donating or bequeathing a portion of their estates for the purpose of maintaining the cause of Christian education. Along the same general line, the pastors can render valuable service by an effort to bring the educational collection up at least to the standard of ten cents per member.

Second, every Methodist pastor in the State is in a situation to render service of great value, both to the college and the Church, by turning the attention of young men and women in our direction. Not only can such service be rendered

by seeking to direct to Albion College those young people who have already determined to secure a college education, but quite as great service can be rendered the college and vastly greater service to the Church and to the State, by arousing within young people, previously indifferent, a desire for broader culture that shall fit them for larger usefulness. It does not seem an unreasonable thing that we should ask and expect our pastors to so stand by their own institution of learning as to send annually at least one student from every Methodist Church in the State.

Again expressing my personal appreciation of the helpful service of the brethren of this Conference, and soliciting your heartiest co-operation for the future, I conclude this report.

SAMUEL DICKIE, *President.*

Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home.

The Board of Control of the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School submits the following report of the Board of Trustees, which amply states the condition of the Home and adopt it as their report with the recommendation that an annual collection be taken for the support of this training school and that a day be set apart by this Conference for that purpose.

JOHN GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

LOUIS DE LAMARTER, *Secretary.*

The Board of Trustees of the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School send greeting, and through their Secretary, with pleasure, present their twelfth annual report.

In many ways the year just closed has been our best. More money has been given for scholarships, more students have been enrolled, and a growing interest maintained to the close of the year.

TRAINING SCHOOL.

Our school has been greatly prospered, we have had the best of teachers, and our faculty have given abundant evidence of their interest and sympathy, with the training school and the work of the Deaconess. The standings of the students have been most satisfactory. A class of five were graduated this year, three of whom already have their appointment for work in the general field, and two will enter Sibley Hospital to complete their training as nurses.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

We have depended, and still continue to depend, very largely upon our scholarships to sustain our school. Before the school opened last year, \$600 had been voluntarily pledged for scholarships. If one cannot themselves go, they can help another to go.

ENDOWMENT.

And we still have faith to believe that sometime, in God's own time, He will bless our school with an endowment sufficient to carry our students through without scholarships. Till then we must look to the friends of our Lord Jesus to help in preparation of His workers.

EXPENSE

A larger household than any preceding year must necessarily have increased the cost of living, and yet our overdrawn balance at the close of the fiscal year is not large.

THE HOME

Our building is in excellent repair, though not so much change has been made in decorations. Some of the rooms have received additional furnishings, which has served to keep up the general tone of the Home.

TRAINED WORKERS.

We send out from our Home this year, by the appointment of the National Secretary of the Deaconess Bureau, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, the following, viz:

- Miss Edith Leola Boyce, parish worker, appointed to Portland, Ore.
- Miss Florence Melva, Crum, slum worker, appointed to Cleveland, Ohio.
- Miss Pansy Havens, hospital nurse, appointed to Sibley Hospital.
- Miss Alice K. Green, hospital student, appointed to Sibley Hospital.
- Miss Lottie Longhurst, hospital student, appointed to Sibley Hospital.
- Miss Bertha Pierce, parish worker, appointed to Washington, D. C.
- Miss Martha Collins, parish worker, appointed to Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Margaret D. Moors, appointed Superintendent of the Holloway Deaconess Home, Bridgeport, Ohio. Miss Kathryn Bates will continue as field worker in our own Conference. Miss Aurand will still care for the sick in our midst, and Misses Cummings and Kaho will be our parish workers, while Miss Metcalf will be at the depot most of the time, though going occasionally to help pastors in other cities.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

- President* — John Widdicomb.
- First Vice-President* — Rev. John Graham, D. D.
- Second Vice-President* — Walter J. Clark.
- Secretary* — Laura C. Aldrich.
- Treasurer* — Mrs. F. A. Hall.

Mrs. J. Berkey, J. C. Rickenbaugh, Mrs. S. E. Striker and Mrs. L. Master. Appended to this report is the annual summary of Deaconess work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. J. ALDRICH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

DEACONESS SUMMARY.

Annual report of Aldrich Memorial Home and Training School from July 1, 1902, to July 1, 1903:

Number calls received	282
Calls made	5,395
Visits to sick.....	1,198
Visits to Hospital and jail.....	289
Opportunities for prayer and Bible reading.....	1,055

Meetings attended	2,387
Meetings conducted or addressed	399
Scholars secured for Sunday School.....	65
Lessons taught in Sunday School.....	315
Persons induced to attend Church.....	34
Church letters secured.....	1
Persons induced to join Church.....	12
Bibles and Testaments given.....	11
Papers and Tracts given out.....	2,175
Bouquets given out	251
Garments, hats and shoes, given out.....	1,038
Articles of bedding given out.....	10
Baskets of food.....	37
Quarts of fruit.....	61
Families aided.....	117
Hours nursing sick	9,047
Hours special service	5,878
Hours travelers' aid.....	1,213
Aided	1,054
Hours in Kindergarten.....	71
Hours in Boys' Clubs	6
Hours in mothers' meeting	1
Children placed in homes or situations.....	4
For whom situations were found.....	10
Pastors or Churches served	20
Hours in lecture and study.....	4,091
Conversions	39
Car fare received	1,415
Amount of Emergency Fund received.....	\$19,072
Amount of Emergency Fund expended.....	18,037
Amount expended for street car	47-45

MRS. WM. J. ALDRICH, *Superintendent.*

Biographical.

The Conference Roll of 1902 gives 336 members, 32 probationers and 64 supplies, a total of 432. Of this number 207 have reported to the Biographical Secretary. From these reports we gather the following facts, taking 207 as a basis, 23 were born in Ontario, 151 in the United States of America — *Michigan furnishing 74 and New York 40*, the remainder being mainly from Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts and Vermont. Of those from beyond the sea, the majority came from the British Isles, with a few from Germany and Holland.

A study of ancestry shows that not a few are of Puritan stock, and that England, Ireland and Scotland are to be credited with our inherited tastes and trend of life, while Holland and Germany have contributed a volume of healthy blood to the general improvement, as evidenced in religious vitality, appetite for the strong meat of the Word, and patient perseverance in all righteousness.

As ministers of the Gospel and preachers of spiritual truth, we owe much to

the farm, for no less than 87 were once tillers of the soil, the farm having been the birth-place of nearly all. Here we learn that he who stands nearest earth may be next the heart of heaven and in communication with Him who is the maker and centre of both.

Over 60 have had experience as public school teachers, while others have been lawyers, doctors, druggists, merchants, mechanics, clerks, printers, editors, lumbermen, sailors, sea captains, engineers inventors—saints and sinners—representing about all pursuits under the stars except saloon keepers. This is the point of cleavage.

Nothing is more interesting and edifying than an account of the early religious impressions and the conversion of our brethren. Take a few specimen statements:

"My mother," says one, "taught me religion when on her knee. I cannot remember the time I did not pray, and long to be a Christian."

Another writes: "I united with the Church when eight years old and always expected to be a minister."

Yet another says: "I have always professed my love for Christ. At fourteen made a definite consecration of myself to God."

Again we read: "I was consecrated to God by my mother before my birth, and do not remember the time I did not love God. I was converted at eight years of age."

Another affirms: "I was taught to pray at my mother's knee when a little child and was converted at the age of five."

Still another writes: "I had no definite experience, but became conscious of a new power in my life at the age of twelve."

Another relates: "I was trained as a Christian by a godly mother, and came into a conscious realization of God's love and favor at about twelve years of age."

These and many similar experiences reveal to us the forces that resulted in the conversion of the members of the Michigan Conference at the average age of fifteen. From next mother's heart and the altar where father prays, God elects men to fill responsible positions in the Church and to co-operate with him in the work of regenerating the world. To save the race get fathers upon their knees and mothers alone with God, then heredity, environment, and the grace of God will unite to dispose the will of the young to righteousness and to make their eyes quick to discern spiritual truth. Now, as always, home generates and directs the forces that make men and throw the balance of probabilities for or against them in the struggle of life.

This year, as every year since 1895, death has been a frequent visitor. Seven brethren and nine ministers' wives have, in answer to his imperative call, left our ranks, to our great sorrow. Memorial service has already emphasized this affliction. We mourn not as those without hope, but only as bosom companions, separated for a time.

The average age of the deceased brethren was 69, which sustains our reputation for long life, and regular increase of vitality. (See Biographical Report, Minutes of Conference, 1902, page 330.)

G. A. OLDBUM,
Biographical Secretary.

Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That because of the pernicious effect of the drug habit, which, according to the opinion of the medical profession throughout the whole world, is equally as harmful as drunkenness, we commend most heartily the efforts of Dr. Stuntz and others in seeking the suppression of the opium trade in the Philippine Islands, and we earnestly wish and pray that the undertaking may be successful.

2. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Conference, President Roosevelt should use his authority in suppressing the opium traffic in any of the insular domains of the United States, and thus save us, as a nation, from the disgrace which has fallen to the English government by enforcing its sale in India.

3. *Resolved*, That should the President see fit to send a message to Congress at its next session advising the enactment of such laws as would prohibit this traffic, it would have our heartiest approval, and in our expressed endorsement we would bear our share of the Christian sentiment of the times on this subject.

4. *Resolved*, That we express our deepest condemnation of the suppression of religious liberty in South America, and we unhesitatingly approve the strenuous efforts of Rev. John Lee in behalf of the freedom of public worship in Peru; and we insist that all Roman Catholic countries should accord to all Protestants the same religious freedom that the United States gives to all Roman Catholics, and all others, and in our judgment this should be the demand of the national government in behalf of its citizens, who may be within the bounds of these countries.

5. *Resolved*, That the next General Conference should consolidate our benevolent organizations, thus relieving our denomination of the unnecessary and enormous expense of conducting them in separate departments.

6. *Resolved*, That we are in accord with the sentiments expressed in the resolutions passed by the Lay Electoral Conference, in this city, on September 25, 1903, in reference to limiting the absolute power of the Bishops in stationing the preachers, and we believe that the next General Conference should take such action as will be in harmony with such a sentiment, and we hereby request it to do so.

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of the action of the Lay Electoral Conference, by which they advise the Quarterly Conferences to increase the salaries of the pastors because of the changed conditions of the times, making the expense of living much larger than in former years.

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to the Secretary of this Conference and his assistants for the valuable services which they have rendered in keeping such able and correct records of the proceedings of this body.

Resolved, That we also return our sincere thanks to other officers, elected by this body, for the faithful services which they have rendered during this session of this Conference.

Resolved, That we have been highly pleased with the coming again of Bishop Foss to preside over the deliberations of this body, and we highly appreciate his

wisdom and brotherly kindness of administration among us, and we will earnestly pray that his life and health may be preserved for many years to come.

Resolved, That we render to the pastor of this Church our sincere thanks for his care in providing for us places of entertainment during our stay in this city. And we also express our hearty thanks to the members of this Church and other citizens of this city for their generous hospitality.

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of the faithful and generous reports of the proceedings of this Conference, found in *The Morning Patriot*, *The Daily Citizen* and *Evening Press* of this city, and other secular papers throughout the State, and "*The Michigan Christian Advocate*," and we hereby tender to them our hearty thanks.

J. I. BUELL,

G. S. BARNES,

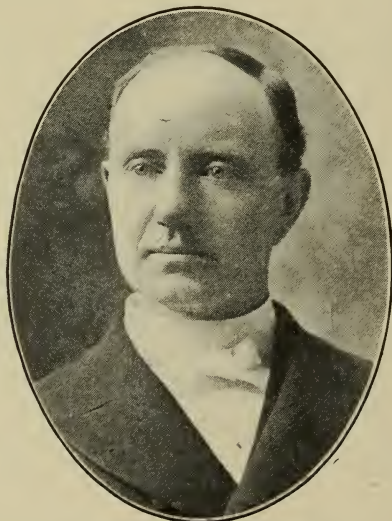
A. P. MOORS,

Committee.

Presiding Elders' Reports.

Albion District.

The work on the Albion District during the year, my sixth and last, has not differed materially from those that preceded it. It has been a year of both spiritual and temporal prosperity. Revivals have been more general and productive than in other years. The charges sharing in these revivals are Albion, Allen, Butler, Cambria, Camden, Eaton, Eaton Rapids, Hanover, Hillsdale, all of the



P. J. MAVEETY.

Churches in Jackson, Marengo, Marshall, Mosherville, Partello, Prattville, Quincy, Reading and Tekonsha. Over 600 souls have been converted at our altars, and nearly as many received into our Churches on probation. I regret to say, however, that the reports show too large a shrinkage from these figures in numbers received into the Church in full connection.

Great activity has been manifested in improving Church and parsonage property, and in building or purchasing new. Scarcely a charge has gone through the year without making some addition or improvement to its Church property. Of debt, we have practically none, except such as is being now incurred in enterprises under way, or just finished. Aurelius has improved its property to the extent of \$50 and cleared off the parsonage debt of \$345. At Butler, the Church

and parsonage have been improved \$100. At Cambria, Brother L. Goodrich presented to the Ladies' Aid Society, for the social uses of the Church, a hall, well located in the heart of the village. New paper and paint, at a cost of \$60, make Camden Church look greatly improved.

Charlotte has brought its magnificent Church almost to completion. It is one of the finest and best equipped in the Conference. Dr. Barnes, the pastor, writes: "We are building for the next three hundred years, and it looks now as if the cost would be not far from \$32,000." Dedication will occur before winter sets in. Concord people are going to finish and furnish the basement to their Church, so as to have more room for Sunday School and social uses. The expense will be five or six hundred dollars. At North Eaton, new sheds, costing \$200 insure regularity of attendance in that new and flourishing congregation.

Eaton Rapids has let a contract for a fine new pipe organ, to cost \$2,250, and they have the cost well in hand. Frontier has paid off its old indebtedness of \$560 and greatly improved its property. Hanover has made improvements costing \$125, Hillsdale, \$100, and Homer, \$160.

Cooper Street, Jackson, has reduced the indebtedness on its parsonage by \$450, and made improvements costing \$175. Dimond Church has been renovated, overhauled and painted at a cost of \$400. First Church, Jackson, sold its parsonage, and bought a fine new residence for its pastor, on Main street west, one block from the Church, at a cost of \$5,500. Greenwood Avenue has been worshipping in the reconstructed saloon which it purchased at the beginning, but they will not worship there much longer. They have a beautiful \$10,000 Church nearly ready to dedicate. Through the generosity of Brother A. L. Stiles and Mrs. Mary I. Hayes, and the bequests of Mrs. S. O. Knapp and another elect lady, a fund of over \$5,000 had accumulated. The diligent pastor, Rev. George Sharp, led the people in the movement, and now subscriptions and donations, together with the above fund, amount to almost enough to pay for the Church. They expect to dedicate in a couple of months, and hope to dedicate free from indebtedness, save a small annuity to Sister Hayes and Brother Stiles. This Church will be one of the handsomest in the city. Haven Church has set an example to all the Churches in the Conference by putting in \$300 worth of new furniture in its parsonage. Ida F. Stiles Memorial Church has installed a new steam heat plant and made other improvements, at a cost of nearly \$650. Jonesville sold its parsonage to pay for improvements on its Church, during the first year of my term. It has been a source of regret every year since. This year, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. W. Hoag, a new and comfortable parsonage has been bought and paid for at an expense of \$1,200. Leslie has finished paying for its parsonage. Litchfield has newly seated its Church with handsome modern pews, at a cost of \$325. Maringo has a new bell and new stained glass windows, costing \$170. Marshall has improved its parsonage by \$190, and Osso has a new organ. Reading parsonage is \$100 better than last year and Springport bettered by the same amount. Wheatland had a small indebtedness, most of which was paid this year. Parma continues to reduce its debt, until it is less than \$500, and Partello has added a bell to its Church, and reduced the parsonage debt by \$175. The new Churches and the pipe organ at Eaton Rapids represent an expenditure of over \$50,000, which added to the improvements, make a total of nearly \$56,000 put into Church property this year. Besides this, the agent of the Twentieth Century

Thank Offering Fund, Rev. James Hamilton, has been on the District many times during the year, industriously adding to that fund, and our people have responded generously, and in addition, the successful movement for the liquidation of the indebtedness on Albion college called forth the generous and almost unanimous support of both pastors and people. Nevertheless, our benevolences have not suffered; more than that, with but few exceptions, the charges will show a generous increase over last year. From reports received, I confidently expect a gain in benevolences of over \$4,000.

The camp meeting at Eaton Rapids was more largely attended than ever before, by both ministers and laity. It is proving to be a great center of spiritual power. The District tent was in service this summer at Cambria, Algansee and North Quincy, and in each place with excellent results.

Albion College is now free from its burdensome debt and is entering upon its highest tide of prosperity. It is doing first-class work, and ought to have twice its present number of students inside of two years. Its President will furnish you a luminous report of its interests. Death has spared the workers during the year, but two of our superannuates, James Webster and I. W. Wallace, went to the better land.

My term closes with this Conference. I have had six busy, happy years. My brethren, both ministry and laity, have been kind, and have done much to make my work easy and pleasant. I am sensible of my great obligation to them. I shall go back into the greater work of the pastorate, with gladness. My experiences have given me a broader and higher sense of the responsibilities and opportunities of the pastor. I long for a Church of my own, a people of my own, a Sunday School of my own, a prayer meeting of my own, a pulpit of my own, where I can tell the story of redemption from week to week, and see men brought to God.

P. J. MAVEETY.

Big Rapids District.

This report contains the observations of one-half the year, as my coming to the District was occasioned by the death of its Presiding Elder, Dr. Master. The District was in deep mourning—every one seemed to have lost a friend; every heart was broken; every eye moist with tears of profound sorrow, for the pastor had buried a brother, the parsonage a welcome visitor, the Church member a father and leader. So much beloved was this man of God that his death was the cause of almost universal grief throughout the territory.

However, in taking up the work assigned to me, I found the true spirit of brotherly sympathy and Christian fellowship to be so general that resolutions of welcome and expressions of confident greetings met me on every hand, and these were no small factor in helping me to adjust conditions to the new administration.

The first work in the field was the inauguration of a series of three sub-district missionary conventions, and through the hearty co-operation of Dr. Chapman, the District Missionary Secretary, and the pastors of the District, these conventions proved to be an inspiration to the Churches, greatly increasing the contributions for that cause.

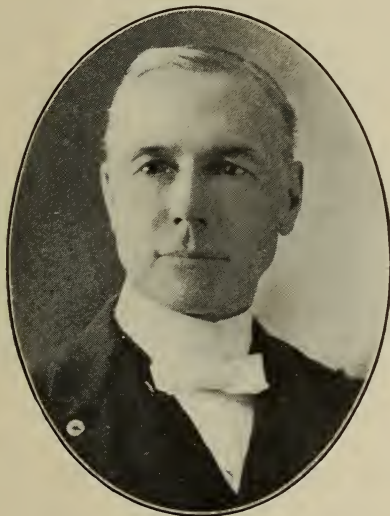
It was so difficult to provide for all the work at the beginning of the year

that three of the charges were without pastors at the time of my appointment. These charges were supplied in the early spring by men who have done good work.

The corner stone of a chapel, to be known as the Bradley Indian Church, on the Leaton charge, was laid in June, and another corner stone was laid for a \$2,000 Church at Avondale, on the Evart circuit. Beaverton and Remus charges are contemplating the erection of Churches immediately after Conference.

Debts to the amount of about \$2,000 have been paid off, one of \$300 of seventeen years' standing at Gladwin; \$300 at Ludington First Church, and \$160 at McClure.

Ten thousand dollars have been expended in improving and building Church and parsonage property. A new \$3,500 parsonage is now in process of erection at



N. L. BRAY.

Cadillac, and will beready for occupancy soon after Conference. New Churches have been dedicated at Weidman, Colman, Howard City, and new parsonage at Crystal Valley. Substantial improvements have been made at Leaton, Scottville, Entrican, Le Roy, Harrison, Ludington First Church, Mt. Pleasant, Reed City, Big Rapids Third Avenue, Clare, Calkinsville, Wesley, Stanwood, Lakeview, Paris, Stanton, Farewell, Barryton, Marion, Winn, McClure, Morley, Shepard, Edmore, Cadillac Circuit, Hersey, Big Rapids, Luther, Remus, Pierson and White Cloud.

The pastors' salaries are quite generally paid in full and the benevolent collections will be \$1,200 over last year. The greatest gains are at Le Roy, Mt. Pleasant, Reed City, Big Rapids circuit, Greenville, Lake View, Stanton, Farwell, Evart, Edmore, Gladwin, Big Rapids, First Church, Cadillac, and Coleman. One

thousand conversions and seven hundred received on probation were reported during the year. The charges reporting conversions of twenty and over are White Cloud, Greenville Circuit, Howard City, Leaton, Scottville, Harrison, Ludington, Averill, Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Coleman, Stanwood, Stanton, Evart, Edmore, Gladwin, Hersey and Big Rapids First Church.

The District camp meeting was in every way a success. From start to finish there was no lull in the proceedings. Bible doctrines as distinguished in Methodism were discussed morning by morning. The Epworth League, led by its popular District President, in both theory and practice gave itself to soul-winning. Every sermon was an inspiration to better living, and about forty souls were hopefully converted to God. A very impressive memorial service for Rev. Levi Master was held on the afternoon of the second Sabbath.

The temperance question has received some attention during the year. One whole county, principally through the courageous efforts of Methodist preachers within the county, has driven the open saloon from its borders. An army of men like Reed, Partridge, Kendrick, Fairbank, and C. E. Pollock, with La Du as major general, would expel the dram shop from our commonwealth, never to return. The gates of hell would swing back where such men stood shoulder to shoulder.

The credit for the splendid work done during the year is due mainly to the self-sacrificing devotion of fifty pastors and their families, who have learned how to work hard and keep happy on small salaries, and faith in a great future.

The fourteen counties touched by the Big Rapids District furnish a field rich in possibilities, and in the near future will render ample returns for all that is put into it of life and money. The wisdom and confidence of the Missionary and Church Extension Societies are challenged here as in few other territories in our land. We ought to have the equivalent of all the benevolent money that is raised within the District handed back for home use, to meet the necessities of the incoming multitudes of settlers.

N. L. BRAY.

Grand Rapids District.

This report must be a brief statement of the essential things, rather than a description.

Without reserve, I commend my brethren for their prudence, thoughtfulness and becoming dignity. Their deportment is beyond reproach. In the main, the ministers and their families have enjoyed good health. The exceptions are Brother W. L. Holmes, who was compelled to surrender his charge early in the winter, threatened as he was with nervous prostration. His physician enjoined rest for the present. As soon as his health is assured he will return to the regular work. A. H. Sturgis was overtaken in the winter with pleuro-pneumonia, and was left in a very depleted condition. He is now sufficiently improved that he is able to fill his pulpit. He appears to be on the way to health and is hopeful of permanent recovery.

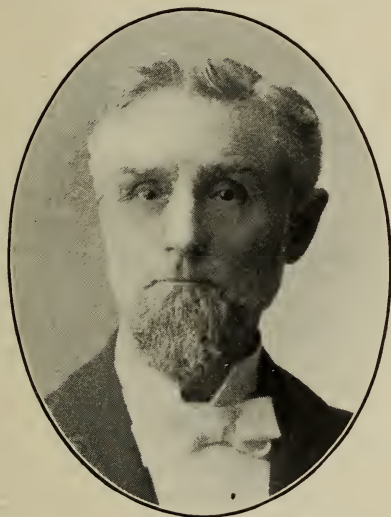
Brother L. J. Griffin, a superannuate, known to most of us as a pioneer minister in Michigan, died at Shelby, during the session of our last Conference. He was true to his calling, a loyal servant of God, passed into the immortal state.

He heard the call clear and distinct, and went beyond the sunset and the evening star.

Mrs. Cordelia Doughty, relict of B. F. Doughty, entered her rest about three months ago. She leaves two daughters to mourn her departure.

In the winter many of the charges held special services, mostly led by the pastors. These were successful in improving the moral condition of the community, and in deepening the spiritual life of the Church. They were not sweeping revivals, but were promotive of more activity in the Churches.

The Churches having the largest number of conversions during the year, there may be mentioned, Lakewood Heights, 60; Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, 40; Sparta, 40; Fremont, 35; Cedar Springs, 25; Fekin Memorial, 20. Ten



JOHN GRAHAM.

Churches report from 10 to 16; twenty report from 1 to 7; the total number of conversions reaching in the neighborhood of 400.

There have been 344 probationers enrolled, 341 letters given and 336 letters received.

The benevolences have received such attention as reflects great credit upon every pastor. Two things are in our favor, the times have been good and a missionary convention, held in Grand Rapids, created much enthusiasm among pastors and people over the District. This has been the means of adding much to the collections. From inquiries made to the ministers, the following are some of the returns: Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, will raise for missions alone, \$1,250, and \$531 more than last year, an average of \$3.53 per member. This is \$210.00 more than any Church in Michigan Conference has given to missions. Muskegon Central will advance on Missions \$250.00, about an average of \$1.50

percapita. Division Street raises \$300 more than any previous year. Sparta advances \$100; Freeport \$100; Joy Memorial \$80; Feakin Memorial \$80; Hart, \$70; Whitehall, Holland, Holton, Rockford, each advance \$50. Four Churches have an increase of from 50 to 75 per cent. over last year; five of 20 to 25 per cent.; four will remain about as last year, and four will have a decrease. One year ago Grand Rapids District advanced \$1,100 in its missionary collections, and we confidently expect a further advancement of more than \$1,700 this year over last, and unless estimates fail, we will have an advance for all benevolent collections of \$2,100. Thus you have the record of the Grand Rapids District pastors in their loyal effort to help the world coming to Christ.

A few of the pastors will fall short on their salaries. This may be accounted for in some instances by small Churches promising more than they can pay, but in most cases it is the lack of business management in Church finance.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Two new Churches have been erected during the year, the one at Mears, Hart, charge. In some things this is the most handsomely finished in the District. It is 48 x 48 feet, built of Ohio pressed brick, trimmed with stone facing, square windows fitted with cathedral glass. The interior is finished in antique oak, the decorations of the walls blend perfectly; the carpet and pulpit furniture are all in keeping with the building. A large and sweet-toned bell hangs in the tower. The Church cost, when complete, \$4,600, and the indebtedness of \$1,100 was provided for on the day of dedication. This building is a monument of the generosity of the people, and reflects credit upon the men who led the enterprise. The other Church was built at West Olive, Robinson charge. This is a small, wooden structure, modeled after one of the Church extension plans. It is commodious and neat, is well furnished and stands as an evidence of what an heroic people, who have faith in God, can do. The property is worth about \$2,000. Most of the work of building was donated by the people. The Church Extension gave \$75; one wealthy layman from New York gave \$150, and a prominent layman upon this District placed \$100 in my hands toward the enterprise. We were thus able to provide for the remaining indebtedness at the dedication.

Fifteen parsonages have been improved, the cost running from \$10 up to \$450. A parsonage has been given us at North Muskegon by the lumber firm of Gow & Campbell.

Feakin Memorial Church has been thoroughly renovated, the walls redecored, the woodwork varnished and a new carpet throughout.

Division Street has improved its heating apparatus at an expense of \$800. Four thousand dollars has been spent in repairs and improvement of Church property. One thousand dollar mortgage on our Church property at Fremont was cancelled last fall. Another mortgage on White Creek Church, Cedar Springs charge, of \$800, was given to that society by Mr. Thompson, upon conditions that sheds would be erected upon the Church lots. Subscriptions are now in hand to the amount of \$450 to meet this part of the agreement.

A fine barn has been built on the parsonage lot at Rockford. A barn has also been built at Middleville, the parsonage and Church painted.

Shelby has paid \$500 on its indebtedness caused by the addition of a study to the Church.

The property on the District is nearly out of debt—two mortgages, only, remaining.

A new Church, which promises to be a fine structure, is now under way at Lake Odessa, and when finished, will cost about \$10,000.

Ten new Churches have been added during the last six years. Twenty Churches have been improved. Fourteen mortgages have been cancelled. Dickinson Avenue Church, I am pleased to say, is now entirely free from debt. A worthy layman of Grand Rapids has recently furnished the money to pay for a new carpet, decorating the walls and refinishing the woodwork. He will, this fall, pay for painting the exterior of the Church, which will leave the property in the best repair.

Many of the Church improvements on the smaller Churches were made possible through the generosity of a generous layman on the District, who placed at my disposal each month a certain amount to be expended by me where I thought it would do the most good.

The Epworth League, a child of Providence that has stood firm for doctrine, and has given no uncertain sound upon the amusement question, has been active in every good work. It cannot be said of it that it is a self-improvement society. There are sixty Leagues upon the District, and nearly all are in touch with the station plan in their benevolences. This will contribute much toward the missionary advancement of the year. This work has broadened the vision of our young people, and set them to thinking and to prayer.

The Sunday Schools of the District are in a healthy condition. Teachers and officers have been faithful. Most of the schools use our literature.

The Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home and Training School has had a prosperous year. Harmony has prevailed the Board of Managers, the institution is gaining in public favor; its finances are in good condition. The superintendent is gradually broadening the plan of operation, and the effective work this training school is doing appeals to the Conference for sympathy and help, for out of it are coming self-sacrificing, heroic women, who go in the name of Jesus to give cups of cold water and bring sunshine to darkened lives in cellars and garrets. Nine young women who have completed the course of study, will, at this Conference, be presented for consecration.

One word of reflection, and I am through. For five generations our Church has been winning souls to Christ, millions are before the throne by this agency. As watchers on the walls of Zion, we must bate not one jot of our historic power, nor allow the Church to lapse into formalism. We are in an age of progress. Action is everywhere; events that formerly occupied a century, are now crowded into a year. Thought is no less active. To avoid the danger of its running into deplorable errors and scepticism, the pulpit must lead. Universal empire in the realm of intelligent thought is the mission of the Church and the right of the Redeemer.

Destructive criticism and new theology need not weaken our faith, nor create distrust in the Word of God. Holding fast to the old truth and our mother's Bible, our Church has succeeded. Let us continue to hold fast to the form of sound doctrine, and determine to know nothing among men save Christ and Him crucified.

Stress is laid on preaching the Gospel. Not the Gospel according to men's

wisdom, but the truth as it is in Jesus, and preached by men who have an experimental knowledge of the Book, who alike know the age and the human heart.

Truth and personality, said Phillip Brooks, are the elements of a true preacher. Priestism is gone. Officialism has lost its power, but a manly man, who knows the truth experimentally, and has the ability to declare it, is the man in demand by the Church of to-day.

My task is done. The record of these eventful years is now closed, and it cannot be erased. The eternities will hold it. They have been years making precious memories of united toil, loyalty and love of my brethren, and kindness of the people. Brethren, I have in many instances fallen short of my ideals, but not of my purpose.

Together we have tried to do what we could, and while we continue to do, the future will not be barren of results. New opportunities await us, and with our best efforts will yield victories.

By addressing our best selves to our best opportunities, we will fill up the measure of our duty to God, who will be pleased with our intentions, and when the work day is past, He will deliver our guerdon, "I have made thee a little lower than the angels and crowned thee with glory and honor."

JOHN GRAHAM.

Grand Traverse District.

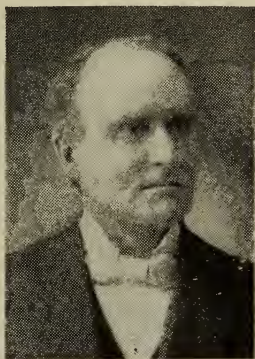
It has been many a day, since the ten counties covered by Grand Traverse District, have seen larger material prosperity than they are enjoying now. But while in some ways this is favorable to the prosperity of the Church, it calls for greater devotion on the part of pastors, and the faithful contingent of faithful ones, who carry on their consecrated hearts a burden for the real prosperity — the spiritual enrichment of Zion.

It has enabled us to advance somewhat the standard of ministerial support. The transition through which we are passing out of the "lumber era" into the development of the more permanent industries, will, for a time, limit immediate resources. But only for a short period. The farmer follows close upon the heels of the retiring lumberman. The soil is for the most part very productive. Fruit and vegetables, especially, yield large returns. Hence the loss of the timber revenue will soon be more than made good from the permanent resources of soil and climate. A general and wise use of missionary funds for a few more years, will put the Methodists of Grand Traverse District in position to not only take care of their own interests, but to also contribute largely to all the great enterprises of the Church.

No phase of our work shows more definitely the material progress of the District than the building and improving of Church and parsonage property. We are building neither cathedrals nor palaces, but modest, attractive, convenient Churches and homes whose presence in any community would reflect credit upon the builders. Twenty-six new and remodeled Churches have been dedicated on the District during the four years of the present administration. A large proportion of these Churches have been constructed after plan 19A, Church Extension Manual, somewhat modified, so that, probably no two of them are exactly alike in all details. Six have been dedicated during the past year. One at Bloomfield, on

Manton charge, one at Wexford Corners, on Wexford charge, one at Monroe Center, on Grawn charge; one at Maple Hill, Fife Lake charge; one at Arcadia, South Frankfort charge, and one at Honor. A beautiful Church at Yuma, and a neat little chapel at Bagnell, both in Wexford County, and another Church at Kewadin, in Antrim County, are nearly ready for use, while Harrietta and Mesick have Churches well under way. Several others are planned and will be pushed to early completion. We are trying to do what we can to pre-empt these growing communities for Christ through Methodism, and do not feel that we have really succeeded, until we can shelter our congregations under a good Methodist roof.

In most of these enterprises we have had some help from the Board of Church Extension. While we would be glad if we might share more largely in the distribution of these funds, we desire to record our recognition of the uniform



M. D. CARREL.

courtesy and kindness of Secretary King, and his associates in the office at Philadelphia.

The two Churches and parsonage on Levering charge have been greatly improved by the expenditure of \$500. Torch Lake and Manton Circuit each has a brand new parsonage, neither of them quite finished, but so that Pastors Chase and Haskin and their families are already comfortably at home. At Northport the parsonage has been enlarged and greatly improved at a cost of \$800. At Charlevoix, a beautiful lawn has been made about the parsonage, a bath room and other improvements added, at a cost of \$300. At Manton, Church and parsonage are now undergoing complete renovation, and will be put in splendid condition by the expenditure of about \$800. At Bellaire commodious and pleasant basement rooms have been added to the Church, and the parsonage improved, at the total

outlay of \$250. Many other improvements have been made, but I will not weary you farther with these details.

Perhaps you had not heard of our latest Insular possession? Beaver Island lies in Lake Michigan, about thirty miles northwest of Charlevoix, and is part of Charlevoix County. Hitherto the population has been quite exclusively Roman Catholic, and the priests have had undisputed possession. But recently a company of lumbermen have purchased a valuable tract of timber on the island, and have gone there to reside with their families. Among these new settlers are some Methodists. Admiral Nagler, as alert as any Dewey, and believing most heartily in expansion, "steamed ahead" over to the island, captured it without bloodshed, and attached it to Charlevoix charge. They are building a chapel over there for their Sunday School and Methodist worship.

Lest you imagine that we are putting all our stress and strength into the building and improving of Church property, I hasten to say that no other year of the four which I have spent on Grand Traverse District, has been so marked in its revival interest and results. No Presiding Elder ever served with a more devoted band of men and women than live in parsonage homes on this District. They have never gotten over that old Methodist superstition that a year without a revival is a year of comparative failure. This year, by the blessing of God upon consecrated effort, we have had some very gracious revivals. Some of them have been after the kind the fathers tell about—whole communities stirred with conviction, hard hearts melted like wax, old feuds forgotten, wayward lives reformed, home altars erected prayer and class meetings revived—all things made new. Among the charges which have witnessed the most remarkable revivals, I mention Williamsburg; First and Second Churches, Traverse City; Charlevoix, Kalkaska, Elk Rapids, Manton, Manton Circuit, Sherman, Wexford, Empire, Alba, Grace Church, Petoskey.

The work of the District was somewhat embarrassed at the beginning of the year, by the difficulty experienced in securing supplies for charges which we were unable to fill at Conference. It was quite three months before the last of these charges was provided for. Rev. C. A. Bates, appointed to Clarion, was for sufficient reasons released from his charge, and with the consent of Bishop Cranston, Bishop FitzGerald transferred Rev. John Bretts from Puget Sound Conference, and appointed him to Clarion. Brother Bretts has done excellent work, and will make a valuable addition to our itinerant force. We greatly need several strong young men for charges on this District this year. Good support is awaiting men who can interest and instruct and lead the people. Such men must be found, or the work will suffer irreparable loss. If we cannot find them in the Conference, we will be compelled to look for them elsewhere. I feel very sure that there is no field in Methodism which offers better things to thoroughly trained and consecrated young men.

On the first day of May, we laid away in the little cemetery at Northport all that was mortal of that venerable man, at once brother and father to us all, Rev. Salmon Steele. His memory is fragrant with long and faithful service. His visit to the Conference last fall, and the ovation you gave him then, was like a great benediction to him. He went back to his quiet home at Northport, ready to say with Simeon, "Now, Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." He lingered on in feebleness through the winter and then was not, for God had taken

him. He fell asleep confident in the hope which, for so many years he had preached to others. Early in the year, Mrs. Heetebry, wife of our pastor at Harrietta, was taken away by death, and in July, Mrs. Durham, wife of our Brother Judson P. Durham, after a long and painful illness, went up from the parsonage at Kalkaska, to the country where the inhabitants never say "I am sick." "These all died in the faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them, and greeted them afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims in the earth."

Brother F. J. Freeman, and D. A. Green, after many years of loyal, useful service, will, at this session of the Conference, ask at your hands, promotion, well-earned, to the honored ranks of the superannuates. Brother Levi Aler, broken in health, desires to retire from active service for a time and will request a supernumerary relation. Brother Samuel Trewin was compelled by ill health to relinquish his charge just before the close of the year, and is now at the sanitarium at Battle Creek.

We are giving special attention to the children and young people, through the agency of the Sunday School and Epworth and Junior Leagues. A large and enthusiastic District Epworth League convention was held at Central Lake in June. Most of the charges have Chapters organized, and on the whole they are doing very efficient service. It has taken some persistent effort to bring it about, but nearly all of our Sunday Schools are now using our own splendid requisites. I am persuaded that, for the greater efficiency of this branch of our service, we ought to hold in all the Districts of the Conference, Methodist Sunday School conventions, at which teachers and workers could be instructed in our own methods, and could be brought in sympathetic touch with our own Methodist leaders.

Such conventions as are now held are under undenominational auspices, and whatever excellencies they may have, they certainly do not stimulate loyalty to Methodist literature, or increase the knowledge of our own methods. During the year I have had some correspondence with the Secretaries at New York, and have to believe that if we would take it up as a Conference, they would be glad to co-operate with us in arranging for such conveniences. Bay View camp meeting, held early in July, was quite largely attended by the preachers and people of the District and was a feast of fat things to all in attendance. Two Indian camp-meetings were held within the District, and were largely attended by our Indian people. I was only able to get to one of them and then only for a few hours, but hear only good reports of the order and results of these services.

MORTON D. CARREL.

Kalamazoo District.

When appointed Presiding Elder of the Kalamazoo District, to fill the vacancy made by the appointment of Dr. Floyd as Field Secretary of the Missionary Society, I knew less about this District than any other in the Conference. The information I have now has been acquired in but little more than six months, hence this report, in the nature of the case, cannot be complete—it may not be accurate.

My reception by both pastors and Churches was more cordial than I had any

right to expect. Dr. Floyd gave me information, suggestions and counsel which were of great value. The preachers have helped me and I here record my grateful appreciation thereof.

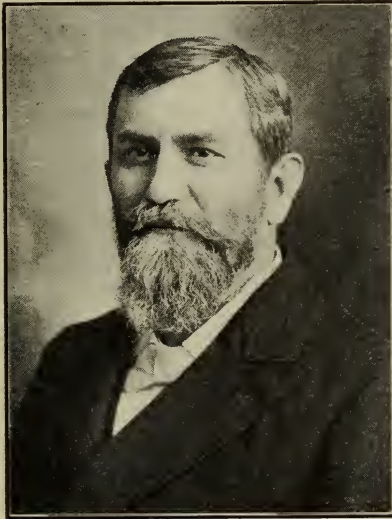
A series of unavoidable interruptions in pastoral relations occurred during the latter part of the year, which threatened serious interference with the continued prosperity of the work. However, without transfers or without disturbing other appointments, I was able to find supplies for all vacancies. Rev. E. J. Bradner secured in February an appointment to the Nevada mission, and Rev. F. A. Lendrum, a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, was secured by Dr. Floyd to supply Oshtemo for the rest of the year. Brother Lendrum has done good work and comes to us for admission on trial at this session. Rev. Hale H. Miller was under the necessity of giving up his work at Gobleville on account of failing health. He has since been receiving treatment in the sanitarium at Hudson, with but little prospect of either immediate or complete restoration to health. I was able to secure, as supply for this charge, Rev. William A. Robinson, a member of this Conference, who had just completed his course in Boston School of Theology. He has done his work so well that there is a unanimous request for his return, with promise of increase in salary. Rev. R. E. Meader, pastor at Mendon, by unanimous request of the Official Board of Eaton Rapids, and consent of the Presiding Elders of Albion and Kalamazoo Districts, on the authority of Bishop FitzGerald, was transferred from Mendon to Eaton Rapids. Rev. F. W. Haist was assigned to Mendon and has done faithful work and is unanimously invited to return for another year. Rev. W. E. Ogden of East Avenue, Kalamazoo, had a recurrence of his old throat trouble and was advised by physicians that unless he gave up preaching, he was in danger of complete paralysis of vocal organs. East Avenue suffered for a time by having only temporary supplies and suffered more from a culmination of conditions that for a time threatened the life of the Church. Rev. Samuel Wesley Irwin, a student in Albion College, was secured as supply. He has brought order out of chaos, and hope from discouragement. Attendance at the regular Sunday services and the prayer meetings has doubled, Sunday School grown, and other conditions improved until a brighter day dawns in the history of that Church. Brother Irwin is not only unanimously invited by his Quarterly Conference to continue the work for another year, but I have in my possession a petition for his return, with 207 names attached thereto. Rev. George E. Allen, supply at Augusta, felt that he was led of the Lord to important work in the northern part of the State, and Rev. R. J. Chase, a student in Albion, was secured as supply, and, like the others, he has so won his way to the hearts of the people that they want him returned for another year. Ministerial single blessedness seems to be on the wane on Kalamazoo District. Two preachers, F. M. Cottrell and F. A. Lendrum have taken to themselves most excellent helpmeets; another, if there is no hitch in the proceedings, will do likewise very soon after Conference, which leaves a remaining "band of hope" of only four preachers, with the apparent probability that some of them are anchored.

On the 13th day of August, at Cloverdale, I organized a full-fledged new Methodist Episcopal Church, with twenty members. For some time a very prosperous mission work has been sustained at this point through the liberality of Brother J. J. Ludwick, who has built a chapel well adapted for all Church work,

at a cost of \$4,000 G. T. Fisher, who was recently given a local preacher's license by Battle Creek First Quarterly Conference, was appointed as supply at Cloverdale and he and his estimable wife, are doing good work there.

On the morning of the Fourth of July, the splendid parsonage property at Allegan was discovered to be on fire. The pastor, who was asleep, and alone in the house, was awakened just in time to escape with his life. Both the building and the furniture were fairly well insured. The parsonage is now being repaired, and when completed will be in better condition than before the fire. The spire of the Church at Shelbyville, on the Martin charge, was damaged by lightning. The insurance was promptly paid and \$300 spent in repairing the damage and otherwise improving the general condition of the property.

So far as I can learn this has not been a revival year on the Kalamazoo



M. M. CALLEN.

District. Only a few of the pastors report really satisfactory results in this line. Some report special meetings, with only a few conversions; two only report cases of entire sanctification, while a large percent of the pastors report no special meetings held and laymen inform me that in some Churches it has been years since the path to a Methodist altar has been opened to penitent sinners. I am no pessimist. I recognize the fact that raising money for the great enterprises of the Church, local and general, is a magnificent work and must be done. I see as never before that the cause of temperance and prohibition and other allied reforms need the best there is of every Methodist preacher. I concede that the successful preacher cannot ignore the social and intellectual demands of this age, but I insist that the chief business of every Methodist preacher and every Methodist Church is the conversion of sinners and the entire sanctification of Christians,

and so long as this work is unfinished, we cannot let the job to others without sacrificing the glory of Methodism. I rejoice greatly in all that has been accomplished and have no disposition to disparage results achieved.

Ostego reports 100 conversions; Allegan, 36; Trowbridge, 34; Banfield, 30; Glen and Casco, 24; Scotts, 23; South Haven, Bellevue, Kalamazoo First and Richland, 15 each; Ganges, 12; Douglass and Saugatuck, 10; Lacota, Upton Avenue and Oshtemo, 8 each; Bloomingdale, 7; Battle Creek First, and Milwood, 6 each; while all others report less than six, or no conversions. We will do better next year. It is most encouraging that the number of accessions almost equals the number of conversions and significant that a very great majority of these conversions and accessions are reported from country appointments and small towns and villages.

My predecessor conducted a magnificent campaign in the interest of our Missionary Society. The office in New York said to Dr. Floyd: "Your District is in the highest rank for 1902 ever attained by any English-speaking District in the State of Michigan." Forty of the forty-four charges were in the first class rank; and yet, notwithstanding the loss of the leader who had furnished so much inspiration for this campaign, and notwithstanding breaks in pastoral relations at just such time in the Conference year as would be most detrimental to the collections, there will be an increase in the missionary offerings of the Kalamazoo District. Kalamazoo First, Battle Creek First, Maple Street, Ostego, Simpson Church, Vicksburg, Augusta, Allegan, Richland, Lacota, Douglass and Saugatuck and Martin lead in aggregate increase, and in the order named, while Mendon shows the most marked decrease. I confidently expect a corresponding increase in most of the benevolences. The pastors have done the work and deserve the credit.

Old indebtedness has been provided for as follows: Bellevue, \$840; Glenn and Casco, \$334; Battle Creek First, \$300; Ganges, \$150; Maple Street, \$120; Richland, \$70; Athens and Martin, \$60 each; Sonoma, \$40 and Banfield, \$15.

Twenty-five charges report to me repairs on Church and parsonage property. Bellevue has finished the basement of the Church, installed furnaces and electric lights at an expense of \$860. At Battle Creek First, the old Church has been repaired and beautified, probably as much as it deserves, at a cost of \$700. South Haven has put her Church in splendid repair at an expense of \$600. Mendon has repaired the parsonage at an expense of \$240. Otsego decorated her Church and put in new lighting plant and paid \$400 for the same. Upton Avenue has spent \$293 in decorating the Church and building new sidewalks. Martin has greatly improved her Church property by putting in new windows and making other improvements at a total cost of \$278. Even Scotts, where they pay their pastor only \$350, has repaired at an expense of \$170, and will raise nearly \$100 in benevolences besides. Kendall, with the pastor's salary at only \$300, has spent \$160 in building a barn and repairing the parsonage; \$150 has been spent in repairing Church property on the following charges: Galesburg, Douglass, Lacota, and Bloomingdale; and the following have invested the following amounts in the same way: Fulton, \$100; Plainwell, Trowbridge and Athens Indian Mission, \$60 each; Richland and Climax, \$50 each and Oshtemo, Fennville, Pennfield, Prairieville, Banfield, Monterey, Sonoma and Delton, smaller amounts.

For years it has been clear that here was need of enlargement and improve-

ment of the Church property at Maple Street, Battle Creek. The city grows more rapidly than any other in the State and Maple Street, as far out as the location of this Church, is soon to be the heart of what will probably be the best residence portion of the city. There is no other Church, as yet, in that immediate vicinity. The Church is not strong either numerically or financially, but is composed of a band of consecrated, loyal and liberal Methodists. Under the inspiring leadership of their pastor, they have rebuilt the Church, about doubling the seating capacity on both the first and second floors, and in many other ways improving the appearance and convenience of the Church, making it altogether the best Church building we have in Battle Creek. The Church will soon be ready for occupancy. The cost of this improvement will be about \$6,000 and one-half of this amount has been already provided for.

Allegan Methodists have at last decided to rise and build. Last Friday evening the contract was let for a splendid new Church in that city to cost \$12,997, exclusive of furnishings. The building is to be of Holland stone, according to plans prepared by Mr. Osgood of Grand Rapids. Nearly \$10,000 have been subscribed or pledged toward the cost of the building. The pastor, Rev. George R. Arnold, has achieved this signal victory in the face of discouragements and obstructions sufficient to defeat any enterprise and to him belongs largely the honor of bringing Allegan Methodism to a position of influence.

Conscious of our shortcomings, we lay the year's work at the Master's feet.

M. M. CALLEN.

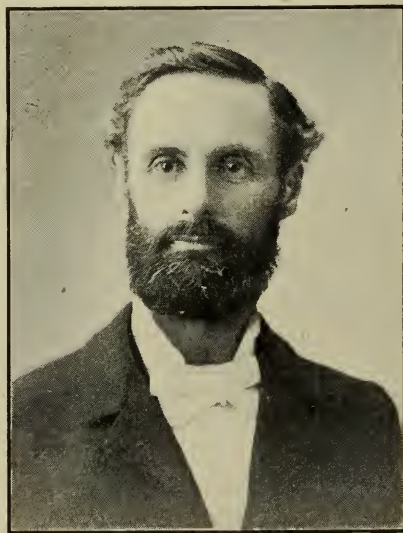
Lansing District.

"A thousand souls for Christ and a thousand dollars' increase in benevolence," was adopted by our District as the watchword for this year, and with true devotion our pastors and people have bent their energies to that end and how well we have succeeded our statistics will show. Our total increase in collections for apportioned causes is \$1,600 over last year, not including Twentieth Century Thank Offering for superannuates, which was \$6,625, and we report about 700 conversions in revival services, which have not been wild and ephemeral, but sane and stable.

Three charges have had change of pastors since last Conference. A. M. Griffith, who was appointed to supply Lyons, through decision of the Bishop, occupied the pulpit one Sunday, and left the work. N. R. Woods, a local elder in our Church, was appointed to fill the vacancy and served until August 3, when he left. Rev. J. R. Bowen, an honored superannuate, accepted the charge until this Conference. His report (from no fault of his) will be very meagre, especially as to benevolent collections, owing to the condition in which he found the work when he assumed charge. N. M. Barnes was released from Delta in December, on account of failing health, and C. H. Kelsey, a local preacher from Brooklyn, N. Y., was appointed to fill the vacancy. He has done acceptable work. C. M. Loomis, supplying Smyrna, was released in April, to accept another charge. Illness has afflicted three of our pastors this year, viz: John Klose, W. H. Meyer, N. M. Barnes. Three of our pastors will ask for superannuate relation at this Conference: C. T. Van Antwerp, N. M. Barnes, A. A. Stephens; the first on account of advanced age, the last from poor health, which we hope is only temporary,

while Brother Barnes is afflicted with a serious disease, from which he is not expected to recover. Two of our pastors' families have been gladdened by the advent of a baby: S. B. and Mrs. Ford and W. J. and Mrs. Wilson, being the happy parents.

Our material interests have had a good growth. The present valuation of all Church property is estimated at \$368,825, an increase of \$22,300 over last year's report. Old debts have been paid to the amount of \$2,400, and improvements in Church property have been made to the amount of about \$7,000. At East Rexand, Gresham charge, a new Church was dedicated free of debt in November, costing \$1,500. At Ashley, the parsonage debt of \$212 has been paid. At Berlin Center a new parsonage has been nearly completed, costing about \$1,600. At Crystal, a new Church is in process of construction, to cost \$1,800. At Ovid the parsonage



LOUIS DE LAMARTER.

has been rebuilt at a cost of \$1,600. At Holt, on Okemos charge and at Palo, pledges have been secured and plans made for extensive repairs on the Churches. The St. Johns Society has been the recipient of a fine \$5,000 organ, the gift of the heirs of the late John Hicks. A special gift of \$2,000 for superannuates' fund has just been received from St. John's Church. The Middleton charge has about \$800 pledged toward a parsonage. At Sheridan, the Church has been extensively repaired at a cost of \$625. Various other improvements have been made in Church properties, in value ranging from \$50 to \$300, at Bath, Belding, Carson City, Danby, Duplain, Elsie, Emerson, Grand Ledge, Hubbardston, Ithaca, Mason, Nashville, Orange, Orleans, Perrington, Portland, Potterville, St. Johns, St. Louis, Sunfield, Vermontville, Wacousta and Woodland.

Temperance reform has advanced on our District this year. In Montcalm

and Clinton Counties the local option campaign resulted in defeating the enemy in the former and in worrying the beast in the latter, and in the struggle the Methodist preachers were trusted by the friends of temperance and feared by its enemies, for they proved themselves to be forceful and fearless. In Ionia County, preparations are in progress for a local option election next spring, and here again the Methodist preacher is around "interfering with personal liberty."

Our pastors have been specially devoted to spiritual work and the benevolences, with commendable zeal and gratifying results. Benevolence rallies have been held throughout the District generally, which has resulted in great good. The call in the Cleveland convention for a pledge of \$500 additional this year, has had a response from us, the increase for missions alone being nearly \$600, and for education \$850. Including Twentieth Century Thank Offering for superannuates, our total gifts amount to \$18,459. Besides numerous revival meetings and the District camp meeting, two tent meetings have been held—one at Sethton and one on Ashley and Emerson charges. Both were times of refreshing and revival, about 60 conversions being reported. Long Lake camp meeting, conducted by the pastors, was called the best of the series, and was a spiritual and financial success. The successful altar work of Isaiah Wilson deserves special mention, and the Bible studies on the Holy Spirit, by M. L. Fox, were clear, scholarly, inspiring. As a result of the meeting, about 75 converts are reported, \$124 paid on improvements, \$295 on old indebtedness.

On the whole, we have had a good year. All departments of our great Methodism have prospered under the efficient labors of our all-around, broad-minded ministry.

LOUIS DE LAMARTER.

Niles District.

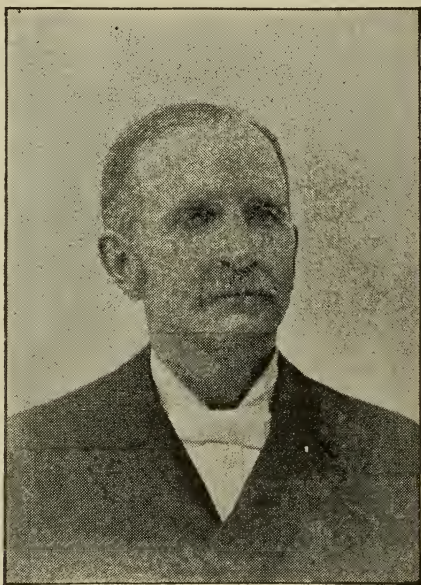
Early in the year it was deemed best to unite Glenwood with Decatur and the work has prospered under Pastor H. Manning. Soon after Conference, Ralph W. Paul's health failed and I appointed Parminis Smith, an ordained local preacher, to Keeler and Silver Creek, where he has had good success. I. B. Tallman has most efficiently served Breedsville. A. N. Eldred of Colon has endured great physical suffering for several months and is compelled to rest for a year, at least. W. A. A. Fortner of Vandalia has worked under the stress of severe bodily affliction and must seek a climate free from the rigors of our Michigan winters. The other pastors have been preserved in health, and efficiency, and their reports will compare favorably with the best of former years.

Revival work has been associated with unusual effort in the cause of missions, while the apparent results in conversions—between five hundred and six hundred—have not been as large as we hoped, the collections for missions exceed the amount raised last year \$904, giving a total of \$3,604 this year against \$2,624 last year. Great credit is due J. C. Newcomer, our efficient District Missionary Secretary, and the loyal pastors whose support of the missionary rallies contributed to this success.

I could wish and pray that the day will soon dawn when our gifts for missions, ministerial support and all current expenses would be inspired by supreme love to Christ and loyal obedience to His commands, and not subject to impulse, likes and dislikes, as it too often the case. Then there would be a steady flow into

the Lord's treasury and the humiliating deficit on pastors' salaries, the meagre allowances to the superannuates the sluggish and compromising payment of Church debts, would be unknown, and from the approving heavens would come the salutation to Zion, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." I wish to record here my conviction that the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies are doing a vast work in the Church to promote careful, consecrated, systematic giving for the coming of Christ's Kingdom. If all our pastors would emulate their painstaking, persistent methods, the millennium would soon be here.

For brevity's sake I will merely mention those charges reporting improve-



R. W. VAN SCHOICK.

ment in Church and parsonage property, giving amount provided: Bangor Church, beautifully refitted, \$750; Benton Harbor, new cement walk and for old debt, \$500; Berrien Springs, \$100; Centerville, difference in exchange of old parsonage for fine brick house, and for Church improvements, \$1,600; Coldwater, improving Church and payment on parsonage, \$900; \$2,000 for virtually a new Church to be made out of the old one at Watervleit, Coloma and Watervleit charge; improving Church at Hartford, \$115; Lawrence, \$350; Church and parsonage Lawton, \$400; Mattawan Church, \$200, and old parsonage sold for \$500 cash toward new one to be built this fall with balance of funds in sight; Marcellus, \$200; New Buffalo, \$320; Niles, \$430; Pipestone, new parsonage, \$1,200, and Church at Spinks Corners, improved \$500; Pokagon, \$200; Paw Paw, \$100; new parsonage at Stevensville, \$1,300, and Church at Bridgman, \$300; Sturgis Church

and parsonage, \$300; Three Rivers, \$100; Kinderhook, \$100; Galein, \$60; Gilead, \$75; Girard, \$50; Decatur, \$45.

The camp-meeting at Crystal Springs was fruitful in great spiritual results, attesting its excellence by the unusually large number of lots and cottages purchased, and the universal desire to enjoy the feast of tabernacles there for years to come.

The work in the Sunday Schools and Junior and Epworth Leagues has never been better. Our District was largely represented at the great convention in Detroit, and all our charges are evincing increased interest in the salvation and training of the young as shown by work in the home Churches, and the goodly number of our young people attending Albion College.

Reports concerning class and prayer meetings and the number of families observing family worship, prove that our people cherish the old land marks and loyally join in the sentiment, "Faith of our fathers living still we will be true to thee till death."

Our Methodist papers and literature show an increasing patronage, and our homes will more and more be kept free from the poison and blight of the yellow journal which seeks to displace that which is true and pure and of good report by all that is vile and destructive.

Eternal vigilance is the price of safety. The anti-saloon movement in Van Buren County and the Counties of Niles District, under the direction of Brother Strickland, demonstrates that the cause of temperance was never more popular than now. If all its friends will stand together in this holy campaign, soon the noise of battle will merge into the victor's song.

Much more I would like to say, did time permit. The kindness of pastors and the laity has been marked and constant; and will linger long in my memory. I thank them every one, those on earth and those who have been translated to the Church triumphant, since I began my work on Niles District. I wish I could have done more to merit the love from so many noble hearts among the thousands of our Israel. It is much in a minister's life to be associated with such godly men and women, and it is inspiring to believe that however, imperfect has been my service, however much or little has been done, the cause of God is steadily gaining, and though men may come and men may go, the Church we all love will go on forever.

R. W. VAN SCHOICK.

Memoirs.

The Rev. L. J. Griffith.

Lewis Joice Griffin was born in Richfield, N. Y., January 15, 1828, and died at Shelby, Mich., September 20, 1902. He was a resident of the State of New York till about eight years of age. He, with his parents, came in 1836 to the territory of Michigan, traveling all the way with an ox-team and settling at Bath Mills. His education was gained in the District school winters, and on the farm summers, finishing at Albion College. He was married to Miss Charity A. Cowen, September 6, 1857. This was a blessed union. The two minds seemed to blend in almost perfect harmony during all the hardships of pioneer and missionary life among the Indians and whites. In the primeval forest, or in the advanced civilization, they were one, and one purpose actuated their lives. To them were born four children—Dr. W. L., Ernest W., and Stanley C. The little daughter, born among the Indians, was a wonder to all Indians and whites alike. Her name was Clara Ella (*Re-Tah-Bun*.) meaning “peep of day,” or first morning light. She preceded all the rest of the family to the blessed land. The three sons and mother, with hosts of friends, remain to mourn.

L. J. Griffith was a pious man. He said: “I do not know when I did not love my Saviour.” He was baptized in 1840, in his twelfth year, received a great blessing, and was received into the Church in 1840 by Rev. H. Colclazer. He was licensed to exhort by Rev. James Shaw, received into the Michigan Conference as a probationer by Bishop Morris, October 1, 1856, ordained deacon in 1858 by Bishop Ames, and Elder in 1861 by the same. His appointments were as follows: 1856, Isabella Indian Mission; 1857-8, Northport; 1859-60, White River; 1863, Springport; 1864, superannuated. He organized Fox Lake circuit under the Elder and had 200 converted. In 1870 he was made effective; 1871-72, Hesperia; 1873-75, East Riverton; 1876-77, Shelby; 1878, superannuated. He supplied after this for three years. He was a taxidermist by trade. As we have said, he was a pious man, one that feared God with all his house. In old age he was sunny and sweet. He was a general favorite with all. He was fond of his children. All loved him and rejoiced in his pres-

ence. His life had been spent amid the wilds of our State. Such a life cannot be really duplicated. The conditions can never be the same. It was always enough for him to know what was God's will. He did it with self-denial. Before his death he found great difficulty to breathe, but just toward the last the difficulty ceased, and he quietly fell asleep in Jesus. He said to the writer: "I can't see why my Heavenly Father waits, but He knows best, and I am sure it is all right." So he lived, so he died, trusting in Him whom he had had served so long, and found him true to the last. The blessed record he has left to us as citizens, to his family, to all, will be a part of the precious legacy we may cherish forever. "The memory of the just is blessed."

S. C. STRICKLAND.

The Rev. James Webster.

Brother Webster was born in Yorkshire, England, August 26, 1828, and was called to his reward October 27, 1902, from his home in Albion.

In the passing of James Webster, the Methodist Church has lost one of its brightest saints and the Michigan Conference one of its most devoted preachers. He came of Methodist ancestry. His grandfather was a preacher and one of the pioneers of English Methodism. The mantle of this old hero fell upon his son, the father of our brother, and the grandson was a worthy descendant of the line. He came to America when a young man, twenty-three years old, bringing with him already a stalwart Christian character, for he was converted when only sixteen. His youth was pious in the best sense of the term, and when he entered the regular ranks of the ministry by joining the Detroit Conference in 1856, he brought to that body a life of devotion and service as a local preacher. He served faithfully full terms at Farmington and Commerce, when a throat difficulty compelled him temporarily to desist from his loved work, but he was not long out of harness, and although he did not resume active Conference relations for several years, he was constantly employed in the pulpit.

In 1870 Brother Webster was transferred to the Michigan Conference, and, until his death was one of our most beloved members. He was conspicuous for his fidelity. Whenever he served his faithfulness never failed to build up his charge, and win the intensest love of his people. He was most unpretentious; he moved among men "with unaffected grace." Indeed, this was his chief charm, and by it he achieved success. Men believed in him thoroughly. His

word was "good as his bond;" his deportment dignified, yet utterly free from the stiffness that repels. His gracious benignity won him a host of friends. He was an earnest preacher of the Gospel, never failing to proclaim the whole truth as he apprehended it, as many souls saved through his ministry throughout the State could testify. He was a diligent pastor; he spared not himself, giving himself unceasingly to the work of his high calling.

From 1870 to 1879 he served the following Churches: Cassapolis, Keelersville and Mottville, two years each; White Pigeon, three years; Burlington, one; Parma, three; Hanover and Sunfield, two each; Leslie, five; Osseo, one year; and back to White Pigeon for another year, and Marengo for three years, from whence he took a superannuate relation. He came to Albion in 1897. During these five years of retirement, he has been a benediction to the local Church, a loyal supporter of the pastor, and, as far as his health permitted, active in good works. Although poorly, he was not laid aside by sickness. On the day before his death he attended the re-opening services of the Church, walking to and from the services, and throughout the day appeared to be quite in his usual health. Late that evening he was taken unconscious and in about an hour passed through the gates into the golden city. No need of dying testimony, for his life was an hourly testimony to the salvation of his Lord. He leaves a widow, two sons and an adopted daughter to mourn the departure of one of the best of fathers. The funeral services were largely attended. They were conducted by the pastor. Revs. A. A. Knappen, G. W. Tuthill and President Samuel Dickie delivered appropriate addresses. The following ministers were also present, taking part in the services or acting as pall-bearers: Brothers Henderson, Prouty, Clancy, Riddick, Emmons, Geiger and Deal. Other brethren who could not be present sent letters of condolence. Loving hands laid all that was mortal of James Webster to rest in the Albion cemetery.

W. H. B. URCH.

The Rev. I. W. Wallace.

For the old stay not, neither do the young,
For both are away like a hymn that is sung;
Like a tale that is read, both young and old
Are hasting away to their city of gold.

Rev. I. W. Wallace was born December 1, 1852, in Richland County, Ohio, and died at his home near Addison, Mich., November 26, 1902. Brother Wallace's early life, including his school days and

work, was spent in his native State. He was converted in 1875 and joined the United Brethren Church. From his earliest Christian life, he was deeply interested and very active in earnest Christian effort and soon after his conversion began holding evangelistic services. A little later he came to Michigan and in course of time united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and was admitted to the Michigan Conference on trial. In 1890 he was ordained Deacon and in 1892 ordained Elder. The following is a list of the charges which he served: Elmira, Portage, Mill Grove, Monterey, Banfield, Cooper, Fennville, Osseo, Wheatland and Butler. For many years he was in poor health and the time came when he was compelled to retire from active work. For the purpose of a home he purchased a farm near Addison, hoping that outdoor life would restore him to health, but it was a vain hope, and soon after he was transferred from his sufferings here to rest yonder. It was the privilege of the writer to be, for several years, his Presiding Elder, and to know him intimately. His pastoral charges were of such a kind that, although his services were rendered but recently, often the heroism of pioneer times was required of him in doing his work. His sermons were well prepared and preached to the great satisfaction of his people. In his pastoral work he did all that his physical strength would admit of. His wife, who remains to mourn her loss, was ever devoted and helpful in his ministry. And so another of God's servants has ceased to suffer and to labor. Amid the scenes of his early childhood, at Pioneer, Ohio, his body rests and awaits the final awakening.

D. F. BARNES.

The Rev. S. L. Hamilton.

Samuel Luman Hamilton was born at Homer, Mich., July 12, 1841. Of delicate constitution and quick to learn he early left the farm and at Homer Academy and at Albion College pursued his study with an industry that would have secured a thorough college training if he had not so soon obeyed the call to the Gospel ministry.

In the fall of 1860, at the age of nineteen, converted three years earlier, and having already been a school teacher in Illinois, and been effective as a local preacher, he was given circuit work under the Presiding Elder. In 1862 he was admitted to Central Illinois Conference and ordained Deacon by Bishop Baker, and two years later, Elder by Bishop Scott. After serving at Weathersfield, Chillicothe and Oneida, he was transferred by Bishop Kingsley to California in 1866, serving at Arcata, North San Juan and Binghampton. With

the view of carrying out his cherished purpose to acquire a liberal education, he now secured a transfer to Michigan. But, yielding to representations of the urgency of the work, he gave up the projected course at Northwestern, and entered upon a faithful and successful career in which he was pastor in the following charges: Cedar Springs, Cheboygan, Union City, Concord, St. Louis, St. John's, Buchanan, Dowagiac, Jackson—Haven—Grand Rapids, (Ames.)

Failing health, which had several times in these years interrupted his work, now made him seek again a transfer to California. Since 1893 his home had been in Los Angeles. Here on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1902, he passed to his reward.

At the beginning of his ministerial life he was married to Miss Emma Breaky, who, with their daughter, Pearl, resides at 1000 W. Eighth Street, Los Angeles. Their son, Mr. E. A. Hamilton, is a trustee official of the Southern Pacific railway.

Brother Hamilton was an earnest and interesting preacher and a careful, loving and successful pastor. His characteristic was friendliness. In Southern California we have known him in his years of retirement. He was a model superannuate. From the first he was as sympathetic with all our interests as though he had always been one of us. A valued and active member of the Los Angeles Preachers' meeting, he was especially useful on the programme committee. In his home Church he was particularly happy and helpful in the mid-week prayer-meeting. With a fondness for writing, he was a felicitous correspondent, and from the leisure of these later years most of our leading Church papers and many of the dailies were the richer for his pen. Some of his articles are very beautiful and merit a permanent place. He studied the faces of a great congregation from the vantage of the pulpit, he overhears a child's prayer in a Pullman car, he descants on the ministry of cheerfulness, he makes a pathetic and moving plea for the superannuates, he writes charmingly of "Prayer," of "Heaven," and rapturously of "The Great Coronation."

In speech his poetic temperament and ready language made him often truly eloquent. No one who heard him will soon forget his inspirational address to the Conference and large congregation in Simpson Auditorium, when he was called upon by Bishop Newman to speak of the last hours of Dr. Abel Stevens. He had been much with the doctor in their mutual leisure and was with him when he died. As Brother Hamilton voiced his love and appreciation of the great, good man, we listened with surprised delight to words and imagery worthy of his theme.

S. L. Hamilton's funeral in Westlake Church was an occasion of

more than usual tenderness and sorrow. Sympathetic words were spoken by Presiding Elder G. F. Bovard, the pastor, J. L. Pitner; a former pastor, E. A. Healy; B. S. Heywood, and Mr. A. J. Wallace. Rev. Alfred Inwood and Rev. W. A. Knighton assisted in the service, and Dr. Robert McIntyre offered prayer. A quartette of the brethren sang "Servant of God, Well Done." About thirty brother ministers were present and a numerous company followed the flower-laden casket to its rest in our beautiful Rosedale Cemetery.

E. A. HEALY, Southern California.

The Rev. B. W. Smith.

Rev. B. W. Smith was born December 25, 1833, in Central New York, and died at his home in Platte, S. D., December 28, 1902.

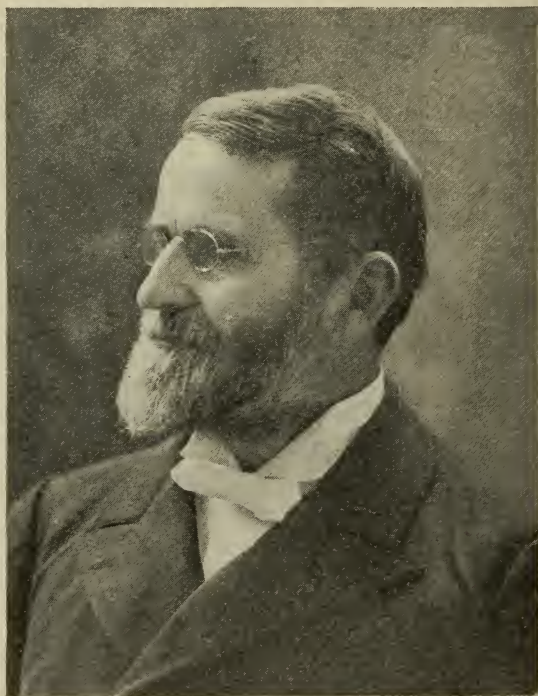
When he was six months old his parents removed to Michigan and settled at Marshall. He attended the seminary at Norwalk, O., and the college at Albion. He gave his heart to God and was converted at the age of twelve years, and from that time forward to the end of his life his faith never faltered. He entered the ministry when twenty-two years old, served three years in the Wisconsin Conference and twenty-five years in the Michigan Conference, when, removing to South Dakota in October, 1882, he took a supernumerary relation, retaining his membership in the Michigan Conference as long as he lived. Brother Smith was one of God's noblemen. Under a seemingly brusque exterior there beat a warm heart, tender as a woman's. The warmest friends he had were those who knew him best. Conscientious to the highest degree, he valued a good character above all things. Where he lived and was known his word was as good as a government bond. On coming to South Dakota he organized a class, and for nearly twenty years he performed the duties of pastor and preacher, and gave largely to the support of the work of the Church. The influence of his work during those pioneer years will never be forgotten, and its benefits will be felt for many years to come. Brother Smith had the educational and missionary interests of the Church at heart, giving largely during his life and making liberal provision in his will for Dakota University, at Mitchell, and for the Missionary Society. The funeral was held at the Academy Church, Rev. W. A. Green conducting the services. A widow and five children survive him, and mourn the loss of husband and father.

W. A. PRATHER.

The Rev. Levi Master.

Rev. Levi Master, D. D., one of the most honored and useful ministers of this Conference, has received his last appointment. He was born in the township of Wilmont, Ont., February 8, 1841, and died February 19, 1903, in Big Rapids, and was buried in Oak Hill cemetery, Grand Rapids

Levi Master entered the Michigan Conference in 1870, and was



appointed at Rockford. His subsequent charges were Middleville, three years; Spring Lake, three years; Hastings, three years; Big Rapids, one year; Albion, three years; Ionia, three years; Kalamazoo First Church, two years; Niles District, three years; Kalamazoo District, six years; Jackson First Church, two years; one year Field Secretary of Albion College, and was in the third year of the Pre-

siding Eldership of Big Rapids District, when in the midst of his largest usefulness he was transferred from labor to rest. It would be an easy task for me to speak of Dr. Master to those who did not know him, but to say this to those who knew him best and to do his life and character justice, is quite another thing.

It is said, the difference in art is the difference in perspective; it is thus standing so near to our brother that we are embarrassed in putting a proper estimate upon the life just closed. Heredity had much to do with what he accomplished; born well, coming from good Pennsylvania parentage; modest, solid and thoughtful; raised in a religious home, his mind was early bent toward right living. It was in youth the future man received the splendid start to his after successful ministry. I now tread upon consecrated ground. There are secluded spots in every home where none but a friend is welcome, and what he may have seen may not be revealed. A minister's public life may be reviewed even when he is dead, but his private character is sacred and with scrupulous care do I attempt to unfold to this Conference what Dr. Master was to me, and to those who knew him, what he was to them.

He was highly intellectual; thought was the atmosphere in which he lived. His mind was richly stored with the best thoughts of the great authors in theology, poetry and current literature. Books were his companions, a systematic student, a broad and critical reader, and in his research he went to the bottom of the subject. His nature was lofty, the mean and the sordid had no place there. He had high ideals of life and sought to transmit them in his character and conduct. He saw the God likeness of the higher life and by his teachings sought to inspire others to like attainment.

His manner was engaging, social, and cordial; he was born to the practice of friendship; wherever he went he made friends, drew men to him in close friendship, and held them by the strongest cords of affection. Emerson said: "The only way to have a friend is to be one." Dr. Master met this requirement. Such men find their way to the human heart. They are the world's favorites—the beacon lights for new enthusiasm, their energy is a record of love. We had such a man in our brother. He conquered by love and will ever live in history of this Conference as one of its loving and beloved ministers. His nature was pure as it was unselfish. I knew him in all the intimacy of a long companionship. A friendship since my boyhood, and during this time I have never heard an impure word from his lips. The sensitive nature God gave him abhorred impure things. He goes from among us without a spot of impurity on his useful life and ministry. Our brother was unselfish in the sight of God; he

imitated Him who said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him renounce himself." He believed in this principle and put it into practice. To lose the lower good was to gain the higher. He did not wish others to suffer by his actions. I have known him in his cabinet work, worry a whole night over a brother's appointment that he knew would be a hardship, and in more than one instance have I known him to sacrifice himself in the pastorate rather than the other man should suffer. It may be said of him that self-giving was an element of his strength and though gone from us, we see him like the pictured ox, standing between the altar and the plough, ever ready, either for labor or sacrifice.

He had courage that never failed him. When duty demanded, he stood firm. It was a part of himself that suffered no eclipse and was independent of all motives but righteousness. When an issue came he neither consulted patronage nor policy, nor did he blanch in the face of opposition, but stood for what he thought to be truth. Some of his speeches in the debates of this Conference and in the General Conference will verify this statement.

As a preacher he was one of the most able among us; scholarly, intellectual, helpful. His method was argumentative rather than expository; with keen logic he analyzed the word. He had a strong hold upon the truth. In all essentials he was a born preacher. He had the preacher's temperament, the preacher's imagination, and the poetic genius, the preacher's heart.

He did his own thinking; the Word opened before him in its best and broadest meaning. Some little boats move away in canals, and it is wise for them to stay there, but Doctor Master needed sea room in which to move through his subject. Absolute faith in the Word gave an intensity to his utterance which commanded the attention and respect of his audience. It may be said no man in the history of this Conference has been more evangelical in spirit, sounder in the faith, more loyal to the highest standards of Gospel experience and in the fullest sense a more devoted exponent of the genius and doctrine of the Methodist Church.

As a Presiding Elder, I need only say he filled the office in the three times appointed, with fidelity and efficiency. He was a good executive, careful of the interest of the Churches, thoughtful and kind to the men under his supervision. The districts he travelled, in every instance, bear the imprint of his gentle, conservative, prudent management and loyalty to the trusts of the Church.

As I close this analysis of a good man's character and his work, we esteem and admire Dr. Master as a citizen as well as a preacher. He was conversant with national affairs and was an intelligent

American. He took an interest in the affairs of men, not a recluse of the fifteenth century, but a citizen of the twentieth. We esteem and admire Dr. Master for his depth of character, for his sweet spirit, for his large charity, for his consistent Christian bearing and his refined nature. We esteem and admire him for his loyalty to the Word of God. He never gave an uncertain sound or left his hearers in the maze of an uncertain philosophy. He preached Jesus, holding Him up an example to warn and allure men. We esteem and admire Dr. Master for the polished gentleman that he was, approaching what Emerson said of Jesus: "He was the first true gentleman." A model man was our brother, and to touch the atmosphere where he lived was to be refined.

Finally, we esteem and admire Dr. Master for his home life—that was ideal. It has been said: "No man is strong in his own family;" but Dr. Master was the centre of strength in his home. He ruled by love, he was a kind husband, an indulgent parent. He was every ready to entertain and hospitable. In his demise the family have lost much, yet they have a rich inheritance, not in stocks and bonds, but in character, wealth that cannot perish nor flee away.

Brethren, a great gap has been made in this Conference. Some of us feel it deeply. A large pillar has fallen. We thank God not a bare pillar, but one garlanded with the adornment of noble deeds.

His faith in Christ served him through the final ordeal. Without a shudder or adoubt, he passed to the unseen and in his vision overlooking the hilltop of time he saw the fuller vision of heaven—he said to the pastor of the family, I have a grand outlook.

After arrangements for the work of the District, his family, and for his funeral, he gathered himself for the final ordeal and longed for the promised rest, passing into the presence of Jesus quietly as a child upon its mother's arm. His work is done. We shall meet him no more in this Conference room. Another pure spirit has joined the innumerable company of the blood-washed in the paradise of God. We shall cherish what death cannot take from us, the memory of a noble life. The heritage of this life is ours.

O faithful servant, loyal to thy Lord. Well done, comrade in the strife, thy witness is complete. Like a note of music struck upon the spheres, thy testimony of the power of saving grace shall pass down the ages, till it touch the eternities.

O, heart tender as a woman's, brave as those who have died on battle fields, rest thou in the presence of God, amidst new scenes, exhilarated with the enthusiasm of perpetual youth; we who for a brief season thou hast left to follow, send this, our pledge, to stand loyal to every trust till our work is done, then called from labor to rest we shall meet thee again.

JOHN GRAHAM.

The Rev. Salmon S. Steele.

The Rev. Salmon S. Steele was born in the city of Boston, Mass., the twelfth day of November, 1812. He passed to his reward from his home at Northport, Mich., April 28, 1903.

At the time of his birth, his father was serving in the army, and was wounded at the battle of Sackett's Harbor. Father Steele's boyhood days were spent at Hartford and New Britain, Conn.

After attendance at the District school, he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, at which he wrought for several years. During his apprenticeship it was his privilege to be the fellow worker of Elihu Burritt, "The learned blacksmith." His education at the District school was supplemented by private instruction from teachers and preachers, and some time spent at Norwalk Seminary.

He was the fifth child in a family of eleven, consisting of eight sons and three daughters. Of these eight sons, six became preachers of the Gospel. Father Steele was the last survivor of the family.

In his twenty-first year he was married to Miss Eliza Ann Morgan, of New Britain, Conn. She died a few days after the birth of their second child, the late Rev. Newland M. Steele of this Conference, who was called home while serving the Harrison charge. Their first child, Eliza Maria, died at the age of twelve years, during Father Steele's pastorate at Litchfield. In 1837 he was married to Miss Ruth Adelaide Lamberton of Bloomfield, Conn. To this second union were born five children, two sons and three daughters. Eliza Maria died in infancy and sleeps beside her name-sake in the Litchfield Cemetery. Marcella, the youngest child, passed away in her eighteenth year and rests at St. Johns. Louis M. was carried to his last resting place in the Northport Cemetery from the family home, in 1886, and Eugenia, Mrs. R. A. Campbell, who was a prominent worker in Church and W. C. T. U. circles, was laid beside her brother, in 1900. Thus only one child outlived the parent, Wilbur F. Steele of Northport, whose filial devotion was a constant source of comfort and helpfulness during the closing years of his life.

Shortly after his second marriage, Father Steele removed to Huron, Ohio, and while working at his trade, exercised his gift in the capacity of a local preacher. In 1839 he joined the Michigan Conference and was appointed to Palmer Mission, covering the territory from St. Clair Flats to Lexington on Lake Huron. In 1840 he organized the first Methodist class of Port Huron. He was appointed Presiding Elder of Grand Traverse District, then an almost unbroken wilderness from Muskegon to Mackinaw City. During his four years incumbency of this office, he suffered many hardships and braved unnumbered perils.

As pastor he served St. Clair, Utica, Clarkston, Albion, Litchfield, Centerfield, Niles, Lake Superior Indian Mission, Eagle River, Birmingham, Marshall, Hastings, Bellevue, Galesburg, Grand Rapids West, St. Johns, Charlotte, Manistee, Northport, Old Mission, Bear Lake, Monroe Center and Frankport.

Father Steele was ordained Deacon by Bishop Roberts in 1841 and Elder by Bishop Soule in 1843. He was first superannuated at the close of his Manistee pastorate, was made effective during his work at Bear Lake and again took a superannuate relation after his work at Frankfort, retiring to his home at Northport, where he spent the remaining years of his life. A noticeable feature of Father Steele's prayers was a petition for a quiet hour in which to die. His prayer was answered, his last illness was comparatively free from pain, he fell asleep in the Everlasting Arms.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the M. E. Church, Northport, the Presiding Elder, Brother M. D. Carrel, delivering an address in behalf of our Church, and Brothers Hugh Kennedy, Willard Heath and J. W. Hart, also Rev. U. G. Rich of the Congregational Church took part in the service. Father Steele was a life-long Mason, and the exercises at the grave were conducted by the Masonic fraternity, who were present in large numbers from the Traverse City, Sutton's Bay and local lodges. Grandma Steele, his companion for upwards of sixty-five years, still abides with us, cheery and hopeful, abundantly sustained by Him in whose service her life has been spent.

F. J. BRYAN.

Mrs. D. O. Ball.

Anna Jane Graham was born in England, October 11, 1824. Died Sunday, December 7, 1902, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. V. A. Baker, in Petoskey, Mich.

She had laid down for her usual mid-day nap. About 2 o'clock the little girl went to "call grandma to dinner," but found she had heard another call from a higher source, a call she had been anxious to hear, and fully prepared to answer. Her pure spirit had left the "earthly house" and had entered the eternal city. Her parents brought her to America when a child, settling on the Brandywine, near Wilmington, Del. At the age of sixteen she married Ephraim Mabee, and for some years was in Northern New Jersey. Later they came to Dansville, Mich., where she buried her husband and little son, Henry, leaving her a widow with two little girls, Anna and Libbie. In the early fifties she went to San Francisco, Cal., where

she became the wife of D. O. Ball. In 1856 they returned to Dansville, where in a few months she buried Anna, leaving only Libbie, who is now the wife of V. A. Baker. To Brother and Sister Ball were born two children, Albert Graham Ball, of Mason, Mich., and Luella Clark Ball, who was called to her heavenly home at the age of twenty years. Brother Ball united with the Detroit Conference in 1860, transferring to Michigan Conference in 1872, and died October 6, 1897. For nearly thirty years she was his companion in labor. Gifted with natural ability, imbued with the spirit of her Master, she was eminently qualified to fill her place in the Church. She was tenderly cared for by children and grandchildren during the years of her loneliness. These and a brother, John Graham, of Wilmington, Del., and a host of friends are left to mourn, yet feeling that their loss is her gain. Funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Louis Grosenbaugh, her pastor. His well-chosen words of comfort will long be cherished by those present.

GEORGE W. SHERMAN.

Mrs. N. D. Marsh.

Mrs. Libbie Fegles Marsh passed from her earthly home in Charlotte, to her heavenly one, March 28, 1903. She was born in Girard, March 30, 1843. Two more days in this life and she would have rounded up her three score years. But in those two days, there was more of real life to her, than in the sixty years preceding.

When seventeen years of age she went to Charlotte to make her home with a married sister. It was while here that she made the acquaintance of Norman D. Marsh, afterward a member of this Conference. This acquaintance ripened into friendship, and this friendship consummated in a happy marital relation. To the home of these parents came nine children, three of whom died in infancy, and six of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and were all present during the last illness of their dear mother. Coming from different States, as they were much scattered, it was a source of comfort to their father and mother that the children could be with them in such an hour. Our dear brother Marsh was greatly sustained in his sorrow, by the blessed Gospel which he had preached to others under similar circumstances. This was very noticeable. One of the sons who is not a professor, said to a brother, "there must be something in this religion that so helps father."

There were some facts in the case of our sister worthy of study.

1. She was a devoted wife, a real helpmeet. The cares and toils of her husband, as an itinerant, were shared by her. Without hesita-

tion or complaint, she was ever ready for the most arduous tasks, in any work to which they were assigned. Toil and care and disappointments, even, seemed to her as only the ordinary. She rejoiced in their successes, and trusted her Father, in the time of trial and failure.

2. She was a loving, true mother. No sacrifices were too great for her to make, personally, for her children. One result of her effort for them is seen in the fact that they are educated, four of them being graduated from Albion College and several of them are successful teachers, and all, save the youngest, who is still a student, are doing good work in the world. It is no wonder that these children loved as they did, this dear mother. Her tears and prayers are for them, forever before the Lord, and their rich inheritance is in the precious memories of the past.

3. She was a real friend. She shared the sorrows of others and was every ready to render all possible aid. Her own experience in personal suffering had been such a school of discipline to her, that she knew well how to sympathize with and to help others. Hers was a genuine friendship.

4. She was an earnest Christian. She was not so much of a talker, but she lived her religion. Such was the nature of her disease, apoplexy, that her mind soon went under a cloud. She could neither speak or pray. But at no time was there any anxiety on the part of her friends as to her spiritual fitness. She had looked after this and her life gave assurance to those nearest to her. She was in His hands, who had said to her, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," and the end was peace.

After we had laid her body to rest in our beautiful Maple Hill Cemetery at Charlotte, one of the daughters wrote of the closing scenes in these words: "She has passed 'beneath the low, green tent whose curtain never outward swings,'" but to her sorrowing husband and children, whose love for her has grown with the years into reverent worship, she has left a sweet and beautiful memory whose fragrance will cling about them to the end. Dr. Barnes, a friend for many years, pronounced above her the last tribute of love and appreciation, and she was "laid to rest." D. F. BARNES.

Mrs. George Bignell.

Rosina, the second daughter of Justin and Mehitabel Dickenson, was born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., New York, March 2, 1822, and died at Smyrna, Mich., April 15, 1903.

When quite young she gave her heart to God and her hand to

the Methodist Episcopal Church. At an early age she came to Michigan, living in Genessee and Oakland Counties. On April 29, 1845, she was wedded to George Bignell, in West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Mich. To this union four children, all boys, were born: Charles W., Franklin J., Francis B., and George O. Franklin J. died April 7, 1849. Her other sons are living and were with their mother in her last sickness. In May, 1845, Brother Bignell was licensed to preach and was employed by the Presiding Elder on the Farmington Circuit, living in West Bloomfield. In 1848, he was admitted on trial in the Michigan Conference, and with his devoted wife, gave twelve years of honored service to pioneer work. In 1848 they served Talmadge Circuit, on Grand Rapids District, which took in what is now known as the West Side of Grand Rapids. The salary of this heroic pair was \$112. In 1849 their appointment was Paris; in 1850, Allegan; 1851-2, Hastings; 1853-4, Ionia; 1855, Greenville; 1856-7, Edwardsburg. In the itinerancy Sister Bignell mutually shared with her husband in his struggles and in his victories.

At Ionia they had a great revival, which spread for miles, and one that the oldest inhabitants will never forget. This was the foundation of our Church in that place. Because of illness, her husband had contracted when in Greenville, they retired from the active work and located in Ionia.

On December 3, 1858, Brother Bignell was called to his reward. With three children, the oldest but eleven years of age, our sister now bravely faced a gloomy future and with self-sacrificing patience, through years of toil, the severity of which is known only by her God, strove earnestly to bring to manhood the helpless children left to her charge. Physically weak, but with acute mental faculties, she struggled through years of privation and toil, until in the fullness of ripened age she witnessed the reward of her efforts in the love of her children. In 1874 she moved to Smyrna with her sons. As there was no Methodist class there she held her membership at Belding. This was a great privation to her during the nineteen years she resided there, as she could not often worship with the people of her choice. The day before she died the writer found her full of peace and hope. Her sister, Mrs. Aurilla Waters, now the only remaining relict of a once numerous and affectionate family, was with her to smooth the pillow on which she peacefully passed from earth to heaven. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at Smyrna, assisted by Rev. C. M. Loomis and Rev. J. W. Buell. The remains were taken to the Ionia Cemetery and laid by the side of her husband.

A. O. CARMAN.

Mrs. Noah Fassett.

Emily A. Fuller was born in the State of New York, November 22, 1830, and died at her home in Lansing, Mich., May 7, 1903.

November 22, 1849, she was married to Rev. Noah Fassett, of blessed memory in the Michigan Conference, this marriage taking place the year he was received into full connection in the Conference. To the time of her husband's death, in 1885, she proved herself a worthy and efficient co-laborer with him in the ministry and with him shared the triumphs and hardships of itinerant life in the earlier days of Michigan Methodism. Sister Fassett, in very early life, entered into a bright, Christian experience, which grew brighter and brighter unto the dawning of "the perfect day." The abounding grace of the Gospel sustained her in all the responsibilities and trials of wife, mother and itinerant's helpmeet, and made her a generous, self-sacrificing, cheerful and attractive Christian, whose influence lingers and whose memory is blessed. For years, because of impaired health, she had not the privileges of the sanctuary. Her heart and home were places where the Lord dwelt. Although the attack of pneumonia, which at last caused her death, did its work in a short time, her faith remained unshaken and her end was peace. Since her husband's death she has resided in Lansing, except the two years succeeding his death, when she lived in Eaton Rapids. To Brother and Sister Fassett there were born three daughters; one died in infancy, another became the wife of Rev. C. L. Ellis of the Methodist Protestant Church, and has since passed to her reward, and the other, Miss Ella Fassett, remains to mourn the loss of her mother. The funeral services were conducted at the family home in Lansing, by the writer, assisted by Drs. De Lamarter and Frye, and on the following day her remains were removed to Parma, Mich., where they were tenderly laid by the side of her husband's tomb, to await the "life and immortality brought to light in the Gospel."

M. M. CALLEN.

Mrs. I. H. Skinner.

Theresa Martin was born in Lincoln Township, Berrien County, Mich., July 15, 1848, and died at San Diego, Cal., June 23, 1903.

She gave her heart to God in early life; indeed, she had been heard to say, that she could not remember the time when she did not love God. But it was not until the age of sixteen that she was baptized and received into the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was united in marriage to the Rev. Irving H. Skinner, by the writer, September 6, 1890, at Benton Harbor, Mich. The union was

a thoroughly happy one. At the following Conference, Brother Skinner was appointed to the Eau Claire charge, thus beginning work anew in his own Conference, from which he had been absent several years in the west for the benefit of his health. Mrs. Skinner's interest in her husband's work was such that she readily adjusted herself to the new conditions, her wise counsel and hearty co-operation gave him great support and stimulated his success as a pastor. Her manner and methods were quiet and gentle, but she was earnest and active in the work of the Church. When her health began to fail she was unwilling to take needed rest, even when urged to do so by her physician, and friends. She had a profound sense that "the harvest is great and the laborers few." Her faith in God and sweet consciousness of His indwelling presence, made her a favorite with his people on all the charges served by her husband. For twelve years she shared the life of the itinerant ministry with her husband. At the last Conference, Brother Skinner asked and was granted the superannuated relation, in the hope that by a change of climate he might secure benefit to his wife's health, and they removed to San Diego, Cal., last fall. But disease had so nearly completed its work as not to be thwarted by climatic change. Her decline was steady and sure, until finally she asked for release, and God led her out and up into the saints' everlasting rest. Her funeral was held from the Central Methodist Episcopal Church of San Diego, conducted by the Rev. Ferguson, and she was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, San Diego.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. A. O. French of Stevensville, Mich.; a brother, G. N. Martin of San Diego, Cal., and her husband and three sons to mourn, but not without hope. J. W. H. CARLISLE.

Caroline Law Woodard.

Caroline Law Woodard was born in Leroy, N. Y., August 28, 1822, and died at her home in Ovid, Mich., July 6, 1903, being in her eighty-first year.

She was born of Christian parents, and in early life openly confessed her Saviour and united with the Methodist Church. Being educated as a teacher, she came to Michigan and made her home with her brother in Flint, where she taught in the city schools. Her brother, Hiram Law, was an honored member of the Michigan Conference, highly esteemed for his able ministry and religious zeal. On September 26, 1848, she was joined in marriage to Stephen C. Woodard, who was then in the active work of the ministry, having joined the Michigan Conference in 1841. Their first appointment was Lyons, and for thirty-five years she shared with her companion

the trials and privations of the itinerant preacher's life. She cheerfully sacrificed the comforts of her own life that she might bring sunshine to gladden other lives and the gospel of peace to many hearts. She was highly respected as a pastor's wife, and gave efficient aid to her husband in his work. She was with her husband on the following charges: Lyons, Oakville, Trenton, Medina, Litchfield, Quincy, Jonesville, Sturgis, Constantine, Paw Paw, Dowagiac, Galesburg, Union City, Moscow, Marengo, Bellevue, Keeler, Hartford, Lawton, Mattawan, Vergennes, Grandville, Orleans—this was the twenty-third and last pastorate. Her husband was called home July 3, 1893. Tenderly she nursed him through his years of sickness, bravely doing her best. Six children were born in her home, three of whom are living—Lilly, the only one left in the home, who has cared for her mother in her declining years; Edwin A., who has been in California for fourteen years, and Charles. For several years Sister Woodard had been afflicted by rheumatism and by loss of hearing, but her trust in God lifted her above these trials, and she lived a cheerful, contented life. She had been confined to her home about five years, but not a word of complaint did she utter, and she always greeted her friends with a smiling face and hopeful words. Her self-esteem was not great, but a great appreciation of God's mercies and the kindness of friends caused her to manifest continually a spirit of gratitude. She loved the Bible and the voice of prayer, and was interested in all interests of the kingdom of her Lord. Her last illness was short, and she was not, for God took her. The funeral service was held in Grace Church Ovid. The services were conducted by her pastor, assisted by Rev. E. R. Lyon. In Maple Grove Cemetery, near the grave of her companion, the precious form was laid to rest to await the resurrection of the just.

A. T. LUTHER.

Mrs. J. M. Reid.

Caroline Sanford Fauton Reid was born in 1821. Died at her residence in Harlem, July 10, 1903, aged 82 years. She was born of heroic Methodist stock. Her mother, Charlotte Sanford, was the daughter of Aaron Sanford, the first male member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in all New England. Bishop Asbury was often at his home. Brother Sanford was not only the first member but also the first class leader, steward and local preacher. Also the first local deacon ordained by Bishop Asbury. The father of Sister Reid was a merchant and civil magistrate and several times represented his town in the State Legislature. He was also a steward, class leader and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sister Reid was converted in early life and was well educated for her times. Afterwards she was married to Dr. John Morrison Reid, widely known in the Church as pastor, college President, editor and Missionary Secretary. In the various positions of responsibility to which he was called he found in her an ideal wife. Possessing, in a remarkable degree, the insight, common sense and tact that qualified her to fill with becoming dignity and acceptability the different positions in life, she was a blessing and a true helpmeet to her husband. She strikingly exemplified the simplicity of the Christian life, and her influence was felt by those with whom she came in contact. She was a woman of deeds rather than of words, but was always ready on suitable occasions to give definitely the reason of the hope she possessed.

Her end was peace. With her the good fight is fought, the race is run, the faith is kept and she wears the crown won by her obedience through the merits of the Redeemer. D. C. REIHL.

Mrs. B. F. Doughty.

Cornelia Grant, daughter of Rev. Loring and Mrs. Betsey Grant, was born in the Seminary building at Lima, New York, March 14, 1832. Her father was the founder of the seminary, which afterward expanded into Syracuse University. When seven years old, her parents moved to Albion, Mich. Albion at that time had but one frame house. On August 8, 1849, Cordelia Grant was married in Kalamazoo, by the Rev. William Sprague, to Rev. B. F. Doughty, a young minister and a member of the Michigan Conference. They were married nearly thirty years, when occurred Mr. Doughty's death in Sturgis, Mich., June 8, 1879. During their early married life, they suffered the hardships and privations of a pioneer life such as are unknown to the younger generation of Methodist ministers.

Mrs. Doughty had four children: Jane Ellen, who died with diphtheria, November 3, 1863, while her father was in the army. Charles Henry was killed on the railroad, November 11, 1876.

Mrs. Doughty is survived by two daughters, Leanora, the wife of Rev. F. A. Force of Montrose, New York, and Maude, who lived at home, also a sister, Mrs. J. L. Andrus of Grand Rapids, Mich., and a brother, Captain H. B. Grant of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Doughty was never strong, and was stricken on October 19, 1902, with the sickness that caused her death. During her illness of nine months, she suffered a great deal, but bore her sufferings with much patience. During the last week of her life she was unconscious most of the time. On Saturday night, July 11, 1903, she went to sleep and never awoke, passing peacefully and quietly away Sunday

evening, July 12th. Tuesday morning there was a brief service at the house, conducted by the Rev. E. G. Lewis of the Division Street Methodist Episcopal Church, after which the remains were taken to Sturgis and laid to rest in the beautiful Oak Lawn Cemetery, with the other departed members of the family. The service at the grave was read by the Rev. Mr. Todd.

F. H. LARABEE.

Mrs. J. P. Durham.

Maggie A. Moore, wife of Rev. Judson P. Durham, was born in Attercliffe, Ont., April 19, 1858, and died at Kalkaska, Mich., July 16, 1903, after a long and painful illness.

She was converted and united with the Methodist Church of Canada when seventeen years of age. In 1876 she was married to the Rev. Judson P. Durham, removing soon afterward with her husband to Illinois. In 1884 they were appointed to pioneer mission work in Western Nebraska. All the hardships and privations incident to the frontier fields were experienced by the young missionary and his devoted wife. August 17, 1885, while driving between two appointments, twenty-five miles apart, they were caught in a terrific storm of wind and hail. No shelter was within reach, and Mrs. Durham suffered so severely from the pelting hail that her constitution, always delicate, never fully recovered from the injury received. In 1889 Brother Durham was transferred to the Michigan Conference, and for fourteen years they have done faithful and efficient service with us. Four years ago they were appointed to Kalkaska, from whose parsonage home her soul passed to its reward. Hers was one of those quiet, unassuming natures, of whose heroism the busy, bustling world takes little note, and whose worth it is so difficult to measure or express. In her quiet way she was always busied with the Master's work. She was warm and kindly in all her sympathies, and devoted to the people whom with her husband she served. She was especially interested in the young people, and in the days of her strength was very successful in her work with them. While never demonstrative in the expression of her religious life, she was firmly grounded in the faith of the gospel. Denied for so many years the usual activities of the pastor's wife, like St. Paul at Rome, her bonds were transformed into links of opportunity for Christian service. Such service gets little recognition from men, but the Master knows all about it and the record is on high. Her devotion to her family and home was ideal. Every guest who came under her roof found a happy welcome and the benediction of a Christian hospitality. She honored those more than royal titles of mother and wife. "She hath done what she could," and is at rest.

MORTON D. CARREL.

STATISTICS
OF THE
MICHIGAN CONFERENCE
FOR 1903

Statistics No. 1, Albion District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE	Church Membership				Bap- tisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property							Epworth League				Total Amount Raised for All Pur- poses on the Charge				
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children	No. of Adults	No. of Schools	Teachers and Officers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for b'ld'g and improv'ing	Parsonages	Paid on Old Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Chapters	No. of Members		No. who are Members of Church	No. Chapters of Junior League	No. Members of Junior League	
Albion	12	798	2	7	20	30	2	38	510	2	\$40,000	2	\$9,000	\$3,500	.....	.....	.....	\$	600	1	155	130	1	50	\$10,650
Allen	3	91	1	1	4	6	2	21	93	1	6,000	1	500	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	41	28	.....	689	
Aurelius	3	147	.....	4	.....	2	3	30	120	3	6,500	1	600	50	\$	340	254	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	1,473
Burlington	3	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	60	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254
Butler	3	130	1	3	.....	5	3	30	125	3	5,000	1	800	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20	15	.....	.....	1,169
Cambria	10	88	.....	1	.....	.....	3	17	90	1	3,000	1	1,000	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	20	1	22	2,266
Camden and Montgomery	15	138	.....	3	2	5	2	25	150	2	4,500	1	1,000	60	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	2	50	30	.....	.....	1,374
Charlotte	10	412	.....	3	10	.....	1	29	300	1	30,000	1	2,500	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	110	80	1	45	4,198
Concord	8	145	.....	4	.....	4	2	23	139	2	4,500	1	1,200	3,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	20	.....	.....	1,101
Devereaux	.....	9	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	153
Eaton	3	130	1	2	.....	.....	3	30	160	3	3,000	1	500	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,152
Eaton Rapids	21	402	2	3	20	4	1	27	339	1	15,000	1	3,500	535	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	200	110	1	40	3,200
Frontier	2	118	1	1	.....	.....	2	28	205	2	4,300	1	1,000	1,500	558	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	57	30	1	30	1,332
Hanover	20	185	.....	4	6	16	2	24	140	2	5,000	1	1,200	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	30	1	30	1,400
Hillsdale	9	512	.....	2	10	9	1	45	325	1	13,000	1	2,000	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	111	109	.....	.....	3,050
Homer	9	208	.....	2	6	3	3	20	200	1	12,500	1	2,500	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	43	31	1	20	1,865
Cooper Street	.....	56	.....	2	12	3	2	19	180	2	4,000	1	2,500	175	.....	450	135	.....	.....	1	35	27	1	38	1,882
Jackson	28	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	31	140	2	6,000	.....	.....	150	427	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	33	28	.....	.....	695
Diamond and N. St.	30	575	1	4	10	25	1	40	325	1	60,000	1	6,000	5,260	.....	.....	3,206	.....	.....	1	150	125	1	75	9,802
First Church	18	172	1	.....	14	12	1	13	156	1	12,000	1	1,400	6,200	655	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50	25	1	25	7,903
Greenwood Avenue	16	324	.....	6	17	22	1	28	418	1	6,000	1	2,500	50	.....	625	275	.....	.....	1	52	52	.....	.....	3,173
Haven Church	7	181	.....	1	10	9	1	25	200	1	7,000	1	4,200	620	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,060
Ida Styles Memorial	7	4	203	.....	3	4	3	2	245	2	3,000	1	1,250	1,360	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,806
Jonesville	32	200	.....	3	.....	1	2	25	140	2	3,000	1	1,100	1,360	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,854
Leslie	10	86	.....	2	3	.....	3	26	120	2	3,400	1	500	48	.....	.....	400	.....	.....	2	40	20	.....	.....	827
Liberty and Somerset Centre	4	150	1	3	.....	.....	3	18	125	2	4,500	1	1,000	325	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,441
Litchfield	4	128	1	3	1	3	3	25	150	2	3,500	1	1,000	270	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	62	50	.....	.....	1,241
Marengo	16	288	2	1	15	12	2	28	325	2	13,000	1	2,000	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	55	28	1	30	2,095
Marshall	5	240	1	2	1	4	4	48	210	2	4,000	1	650	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	60	38	.....	.....	974
Mosherville	.....	240	1	2	.....	1	2	20	200	2	5,000	2	1,500	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	40	.....	.....	1,427
North Adams	.....	24	1	1	.....	.....	1	6	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	166
North Quincy	4	63	.....	2	1	5	1	12	90	1	3,000	1	1,000	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	734
Osseo and Pittsford	4	200	1	2	.....	.....	3	42	274	2	6,000	1	1,000	4	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	1	55	40	1	32	1,411
Parma	25	184	1	2	5	20	6	40	250	3	6,000	2	700	125	175	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,569
Prattville	15	115	.....	1	.....	.....	2	3	45	215	2	4,000	.....	.....	32	.....	234	.....	.....	2	42	30	.....	.....	968
Quincy	40	324	1	7	5	26	2	43	275	2	7,000	1	2,000	45	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	2	70	40	.....	.....	2,350
Reading	5	200	.....	2	2	2	2	35	235	2	7,500	1	1,500	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	83	.....	1	30	2,702
Springport	4	125	.....	2	1	4	2	24	100	2	2,500	1	800	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	35	22	1	50	1,237
Tekonsha	7	119	.....	2	1	10	1	17	100	1	2,500	1	1,200	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	28	.....	.....	1,274
Tomkins	7	133	.....	2	5	2	3	37	150	3	4,500	2	1,100	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20	20	1	37	1,145
Waldron and Amboy	9	150	.....	7	1	.....	1	25	140	3	5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	.....	.....	.....	820
Walton	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	18	1	800	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	234
Wheatland	428	8,015	19	95	189	271	82	1,101	7,777	72	\$340,800	40	\$59,700	\$26,253	\$3,545	\$5,908	.....	.....	.....	4	1,076	1,423	16	585	\$87,026

Statistics No. 3, Albion District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE		NAME OF PASTOR										Pastor's Support				Support of Presiding Elders				Support of Bishops				Conference Claimants			Current Expenses	
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Support of Presiding Elders			Support of Bishops		Total Support Pastors and Bishops	Rec'd Fr.		Total											
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount	Appor.	Amount	Paid	Amount		Appor.	Amount		Collec'tns	Other Sources									
Albion	W. H. B. Urch.....	\$ 1,700	\$ 300	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,700	\$ 300	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,700	\$ 300	\$ 2,000	.....	.....	.....	\$ 175	\$ 15	\$ 190	\$ 15	\$ 210	\$ 103	.....	.....	\$ 103	\$ 1,500	\$ 150
Allen	C. A. Norcross.....	450	50	500	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	.....	.....	40	8	48	8	56	40	.....	.....	40	61	41
Aurelius	Thomas Young	600	50	650	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	.....	.....	40	8	48	8	56	40	.....	.....	40	140	46
Burlington	George Yinger	125	.....	125	125	.....	125	125	.....	125	.....	.....	16	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	16	
Butler	G. R. Millard	600	100	700	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	.....	.....	40	6	46	6	52	7	.....	.....	7	175	100
Cambria	Matthew Mullen.....	400	100	500	400	100	500	400	100	500	.....	.....	.....	25	3	28	3	31	7	.....	.....	7	80	40
Camden and Montgomery	G. L. Mount.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	.....	.....	40	8	48	8	56	35	\$10	.....	35	140	75
Charlotte	D. F. Barnes.....	1,200	150	1,350	1,200	150	1,350	1,200	150	1,350	.....	.....	.....	98	10	108	10	118	48	.....	.....	48	240	100
Concord	G. W. Tuthill.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	.....	.....	44	15	59	15	74	20	.....	.....	20	100	52
Devereaux	J. H. Riddick.....	120	.....	120	120	.....	120	120	.....	120	.....	.....	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	10	.....			
Eaton	A. L. Cook.....	560	50	610	560	50	610	560	50	610	.....	.....	.....	36	9	45	9	54	12	.....	.....	12	125	65
Eaton Rapids	R. E. Meader.....	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,400	.....	.....	.....	98	25	123	25	148	80	.....	.....	80	347	98
Frontier	J. W. White.....	400	84	484	400	84	484	400	84	484	.....	.....	.....	25	7	32	7	39	18	.....	.....	18	110	70
Hanover	J. M. Wolfe.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	.....	.....	50	10	60	10	70	20	.....	.....	20	125	125
Hillsdale	R. H. Brady.....	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,400	.....	.....	.....	84	20	104	20	124	100	.....	.....	100	454	164
Homer	J. W. Davis.....	850	150	1,000	850	150	1,000	850	150	1,000	.....	.....	.....	65	12	77	12	89	75	.....	.....	75	225	50
Jackson	Robert Russell.....	600	150	750	600	150	750	600	150	750	.....	.....	.....	20	5	25	5	30	24	.....	.....	24	175	125
“	Walter Jones.....	330	300	630	330	300	630	330	300	630	.....	.....	.....	16	16	32	16	48	6	.....	.....	6	120	69
“	J. T. Le Gear.....	1,600	300	1,900	1,600	300	1,900	1,600	300	1,900	.....	.....	.....	140	30	170	30	200	131	.....	.....	131	1,079	219
“	J. E. Sharp.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	.....	.....	20	2	22	2	24	2	.....	.....	2	150	104
“	F. H. Clapp.....	945	180	1,125	945	180	1,125	945	180	1,125	.....	.....	.....	65	14	79	14	93	85	.....	.....	85	371	179
“	J. W. Vickers.....	750	150	900	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	.....	.....	49	9	58	9	67	20	.....	.....	20	225	100
“	J. C. E. Hoag.....	850	.....	850	850	.....	850	850	.....	850	.....	.....	55	12	67	12	79	40	.....	.....	40	78	83	
Jonesville	W. W. Lampert.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	.....	.....	36	5	41	5	46	40	.....	.....	40	175	62
Leslie	N. S. Tuttle.....	460	40	500	460	40	500	460	40	500	.....	.....	.....	55	12	67	12	79	8	.....	.....	8	109	66
Liberty and Somerset Centre	D. Jos. Cronk.....	600	100	700	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	.....	.....	44	10	54	10	64	20	.....	.....	20	120	50
Litchfield	I. H. Emmons.....	1,000	75	1,075	1,000	75	1,075	1,000	75	1,075	.....	.....	.....	65	10	75	10	85	28	.....	.....	28	120	60
Marengo	Adam Clark.....	550	50	600	550	50	600	550	50	600	.....	.....	.....	38	7	45	7	52	30	.....	.....	30	190	150
Marshville	N. P. Brown.....	735	100	835	735	100	835	735	100	835	.....	.....	.....	60	14	74	14	88	32	.....	.....	32	120	62
Mosherville	J. W. Sheehan.....	1,000	150	1,150	1,000	150	1,150	1,000	150	1,150	.....	.....	.....	65	10	75	10	85	7	.....	.....	7	120	50
North Adams	F. Knapp.....	350	100	450	350	100	450	350	100	450	.....	.....	.....	4	1	5	1	6	3	.....	.....	3	125	50
North Quincy	B. Gibson.....	1,000	100	1,100	1,000	100	1,100	1,000	100	1,100	.....	.....	.....	25	3	28	3	31	9	.....	.....	9	75	36
Osseo and Pittsford	C. E. Deal.....	625	75	700	625	75	700	625	75	700	.....	.....	.....	55	10	65	10	75	40	.....	.....	40	140	109
Parma	J. W. Bery.....	875	125	1,000	875	125	1,000	875	125	1,000	.....	.....	.....	32	7	39	7	46	40	.....	.....	40	200	100
Prattville	F. L. Niles.....	775	125	900	775	125	900	775	125	900	.....	.....	.....	36	6	42	6	48	31	.....	.....	31	145	65
Quincy	G. S. Robinson.....	625	100	725	625	100	725	625	100	725	.....	.....	.....	70	14	84	14	98	60	.....	.....	60	225	100
Reading	A. Geiger.....	550	100	650	550	100	650	550	100	650	.....	.....	.....	40	8	48	8	56	23	.....	.....	23	100	75
Springport	C. H. Palmatier.....	550	75	625	550	75	625	550	75	625	.....	.....	.....	42	4	46	4	50	10	.....	.....	10	85	56
Tekonsia	A. S. Williams.....	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	.....	.....	42	4	46	4	50	39	.....	.....	39	70	50	
Tomkins	E. J. Wilson.....	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	.....	.....	42	4	46	4	50	7	.....	.....	7	100	50	
Walton and Amboy	W. D. Marsh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wheatland	E. Curry.....	150	.....	150	150	.....	150	150	.....	150	.....	.....	10	1	11	1	12	1	.....	.....	1	7	8	
		\$27,850	\$4,029	\$31,879	\$28,070	\$4,029	\$32,099	\$28,070	\$4,029	\$32,099	\$1,000	\$2,037	\$2,037	\$390	\$253	\$643	\$253	\$896	\$1,279	\$101	\$1,380	\$1,380	\$8,396	\$3,401				

NAME OF CHARGE	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Soc.	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Society	Total Other Beneficent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conferees	Episcopal Fund	Century
	Church	Sunday School	Total					Public Collection	Children's Fund								
Albion	\$ 625	\$ 75	\$ 700	\$ 30	\$ 9		\$ 3	\$ 27	\$ 289	\$ 25	\$ 8	\$ 229	\$ 268	\$ 10	\$ 101	\$ 15	\$ 4,000
Allen	6	3	9	2	2		4	2	2	2	4	4	4	2	2	4	8
Aurelius	48	34	82	15	4		3	12	15	7	4			8			
Burlington	5		5		1							54					
Butler	25	8	33	5	1		1	5	4	1	1		10	4	7	3	1,230
Cambria	28	15	43	1	1		1	1	1	1	14		4	1	5	1	154
Camden and Montgomery	30	10	40	8	2		2	8	6	3	3	57	88	5	25	10	1230
Charlotte	90	36	126	7	1		1	8	35	10	2	57	12	5	48	8	154
Concord	40	4	44	1	1		1	2	2		1		12	5	20	4	124
Devereaux	4		4						10					11	1	1	11
Eaton	35		35	4	1		1	5	3	4					12	5	11
Eaton Rapids	232	68	300	6	1		1	10	251	15	1	112	14	10	80	6	15
Frontier	83		38	2	1		2	1	3	1			1		18	2	45
Hanover	32		115	15	2		2	15	8	6	2	78		7	20	10	103
Hillsdale	350	70	420	20	5		1	15	20	40	7	117	54	15	100	10	75
Homer	56	44	100	5	1		1	4	26	4	1	38	51	24	5	5	125
Cooper Street	18	32	50	5	1		1	1	1	1	1			1	6	2	50
Diamond and N. St.				5	1		2	2		3	1	10	10	2	2	8	2
First Church	260	128	388	33	4		4	32	271	13	10	237	162	20	131	30	6,869
Greenwood Avenue	4		4							2					2		
Haven Church	183	37	160	25	7		4	18	187	10	7	116		14	85	14	
Ida Styles Memorial	180	70	200	5	2		2	5	14	3	5		30	5	20	5	
Jonesville	53	16	69	4	1		1	8	5	2	2	100		7	40	5	19
Leslie	19		20	5	3		2	6	5	4	3	75	32		40	12	485
Liberty and Somerset Centre	19	2	21	5	1		1	5	6	2	2	3		5	8	5	13
Litchfield	73		73					8	5	4				20	5	5	42
Marengo	38	12	50	10	1		1	8	148	14	2	60	8	1	28	5	45
Marshall	87	13	100	12	1		1	10	10	6	1	90	73	5	30	4	25
Mosherville	39	17	56	6	2		1	4	6	2	1	14		4	32	4	
North Adams	132	18	150	14	2		2	15	9		2	82			40	7	
North Quincy	10		10	2	1		1							1	3	9	
Osseo and Pittsford	12	8	20	5	1		1	3	3		1			2	2	3	
Parma	71	29	100	16	2		1	10	30	17	2		44	10	40	10	47
Patterson	105	15	120	10	2		1	7	20	6	2			5	31	7	10
Prattville	45	5	50	10	2		1	8	10	3	2	41	36	5	50	10	58
Quincy	185	75	260	20	5		5	20	15	10	5	90		14	76	7	1,285
Reading	66	49	115	14	2		2	10	10	5	2	12	285	10	23	5	19
Springport	50	30	80	10	1		1	10	4	1	1	32	15	5	10	4	258
Tekonsha	45	5	50	2	1		1	16	17	8	1	40		10	39	7	
Tonkins	82	23	105	15	4		2	12	12	9	5	101		2	7	2	12
Waldron and Amboy	25	5	30	8	1		1	4	5			25		1			
Walton																	
Wheatland	5		5	1			1	2	3								
	\$3,452	\$1,009	\$4,461	\$366	\$81	\$62	\$341	\$4,463	\$242	\$95	\$1,842	\$886	\$183	\$186	\$1,380	\$254	\$15,111

NAME OF CHARGE

NAME OF CHARGE	Church Membership				Bap- tisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property							Epworth League				Total Amount Raised for All Pur- poses on the Charge		
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children	No. of Adults	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for b'ldg Churches and improving Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Chapters	No. who are Members of Church	No. Chapters	No. Members Junior League		No. Members Junior League	
Ashton	24	84	2	1	5	100	19	4	100	3	\$ 2,500	1	\$ 500	\$	\$ 40			2	48	20		\$ 549	
Averill	15	85				4	24	150	4	4	3,000	1	4,000	\$	55	\$	126	1	36	29		769	
Barryton	17	65		2	1	1	2	16	100	1	1,500	1	1,400	40				1	90	86	1	40	713
Big Rapids	12	408		3	14	23	1	27	294	1	4,000	1	3,000	175				1	30	60			1,383
Big Rapids Circuit	6	150		4	1	5	50	300	200	1	2,000		2,000	500				1	75	60			1,360
Cadillac	29	254		6	7	4	1	23	250	1	10,000	1	1,500	583				1	69	80	1	40	3,113
Cadillac Circuit	2	110		3	2	3	25	200	3	2	2,500	1	1,200	475				2	28	25			1,394
Calumville and Ind. Mission	13	148	5	2	8	3	2	23	130	4	4,200	1	1,600	15				1	35	18	1	30	794
Chase	1	28					2	8	38	2	800	1	300			70						284	
Chippewa Lake	1	90		1		2	3	26	100	2	2,000	1	400									387	
Clare	14	124	1	1	16	5	2	32	190	2	2,600	1	1,000	75				2	50	25	1	40	1,332
Coleman	6	84		1			3	17	125	2	3,800	1	800	1,200				2	50				1,799
Cystal Valley	6	73	2	1			1	11	78	2	2,600	1	600	700				2	60	50			1,019
Edmore	17	104			3		2	25	175	2	3,500		75	300				1	52	29			1,100
Entrican	4	91	4	1	3	2	3	28	150	2	3,300	1	800	43	100			1	89	60	1	15	1,367
Evart	31	181		2	1	19	1	17	150	1	3,000	1	1,800	30				1	17	9	1	15	488
Evart Circuit	5	165		3	2	6	1	7	35	1	500	1	500	300				1	50	30	1	20	1,425
Farwell	6	60	3	2			2	25	290	2	3,500	1	600	300									503
Ferry	3	91	1				1	6	26	2	2,600		1,000	125				2	100	60			1,698
Gladwin	20	93			5		35	275	1	1,500	1	1,000	3,000					1	111	85	1	40	2,200
Greenville	395	1	2	4	1	1	1	27	350	1	2,500	1	1,000					2	35				904
Greenville Circuit	127			1	6	9	3	24	145	3	3,000	1	1,000	64				2					529
Harrison	7	36			9	4	1	14	75	1	1,350	1	600	70							1	38	999
Hersey	6	80	1		3		3	30	126	2	2,000	1	600	700				3	90	70	1	20	2,695
Howard City	40	270	1	3	6		5	60	400	3	5,000	2	1,500	300									907
Lake View	6	86	1				1	20	160	1	2,500	1	800	700				1	80	40			941
Leaton and Ind. Mission	45	130	5	2		12	3	23	147	2	1,600	1	1,000	300				1	50	20	1	24	2,595
Leroy	22	129	2		3		2	35	115	2	3,000	1	600	70	18			1	84	84	1	60	2,590
Ludington, First	52	268		2	24	14	1	20	225	2	20,000	1	1,500	250									762
Ludington, Jefferson St.	60			2	4		1	25	125	2	3,500	1	900					1	15	12	1	25	757
Luther	7	61	1	2		4	1	11	70	1	1,500	1	600	150				1	52	4			561
Marion	6	46					1	8	68	1	1,000	1	500	269				1	22	12	1	20	1,321
McLean	5	102			1	10	1	28	160	2	1,500	1	500	300									619
McClure	49	55	3				2	18	68	2	3,500	1	700	270				3	73	26			982
Millbrook	13	61	1				3	30	132	2	4,000	1	3,500	172				1	100	65			2,319
Morley	6	96	2		2	9	3	26	170	2	4,000	1	600	300				1	70	14			939
Mt. Pleasant	75	220		5	2	10	1	23	225	3	13,000	1	3,500	25				2	104	60			1,261
Paris	6	116	1				3	18	90	3	4,000	1	500	250				2	98	91	1		1,926
Pierston	37	139	3	1	8		3	38	185	3	5,000	1	1,000	232				2	100	50			856
Reed City	3	202	2		3	12	1	16	232	2	3,000	1	1,000	25				1	57	30			737
Remus	22	97		4	10	3	36	200	3	2	2,500	7	250	60				2	100	50			1,856
Sears	2	120					1	2	105	1	1,500	1	1,000	240	100			1	65	50	1	37	1,598
Scottsville and Ind. Mission	18	188	2	1	6	7	2	26	160	2	4,000	1	1,200	200				2	25	18			1,483
Shepherd	5	160					3	35	300	3	2,200	1	300	60				2	70	50	1	80	604
Stanton	3	125		1	1	15	2	20	80	2	4,500	1		175				3	170	100			786
Stantonwood	3	102	1				4	22	140	4	4,500			50				2	35	25			1,477
Wesleyan	24	128		19	8	19	3	31	275	2	3,000	1	1,200	100				2	25	15	1	18	583
White Cloud	1	75	1				4	36	173	2	4,000	2	1,200	300				2	80				1,080
Winn	30	52	1	1	5	25	3	28	130	2	4,500	1	700					2					
	769	6,352	44	88	163	252	118	1,215	8,067	101	\$169,950	48	\$42,250	\$ 8,643	\$ 1,443	\$ 5,431		57	2,434	1,533	18	562	\$58,188

Statistics No. 3. Big Rapids District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support					Support of Presiding Elders			Support of Bishops			Conference Claimants			Current Expenses	
		Claims		Receipts			Deficiencies		Total Support	Amount		Total Support Factors and Bishops	Collect'ns		Total	Church	Sunday School
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies		Apport.	Amount Paid		Rec'd Fr.	Other Sources			
Ashtown	H. J. Nichols	\$ 400	\$ 50	\$ 450	\$ 360	\$ 50	\$ 410	\$ 40	\$ 28	\$ 28	\$ 1	\$ 439	.....	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 30	\$ 34
Averill	I. A. Quincey	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	32	32	4	586	7	.....	7	40	58
Barrington	J. H. Cornelius	400	50	450	450	.....	450	.....	28	28	.....	505	8	.....	8	50	25
Big Rapids	V. C. Chapman	1,200	200	1,400	1,200	200	1,400	.....	110	110	25	1,535	120	.....	120	465	225
Big Rapids Circuit	V. C. Reith	300	.....	300	500	.....	500	.....	36	36	5	541	30	.....	30	50	100
Cadillac	P. A. Armstrong	1,100	150	1,250	1,100	150	1,250	.....	90	90	18	1,350	50	.....	50	363	125
Cadillac Circuit	W. D. Rowland	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	32	32	4	636	23	.....	23	100	75
Calkinsville and Ind. Mission	George Varion	450	50	500	500	.....	500	.....	40	40	6	541	12	.....	12	100	39
Chase	John Priestly	190	30	220	190	30	220	.....	12	6	3	226	.....	.....	.....	42	15
Chippewa Lake	R. W. Findall	300	40	340	300	40	340	.....	30	30	.....	370	5	.....	5	.....	.....
Clare	W. J. Hathway	775	100	875	775	100	875	.....	48	48	8	927	35	.....	35	110	90
Coleman	J. M. Jensen	350	75	425	340	75	415	10	28	24	3	442	12	.....	12	45	47
Crystal Valley	W. M. D. Riggs	200	.....	200	200	.....	200	.....	14	14	.....	215	5	.....	5	50	30
Edmore	U. E. Partridge	530	.....	530	530	.....	530	.....	32	32	5	564	4	.....	4	60	80
Entrican	Douglas Streeter	350	50	400	282	50	332	68	32	32	.....	361	2	.....	2	46	48
Evart	G. A. Brown	675	125	800	675	125	800	.....	56	56	10	863	35	.....	35	120	60
Evart Circuit	W. W. Chatfield	300	300	500	300	300	500	.....	24	24	.....	375	2	.....	2	10	6
Ferry	G. W. Maxwell	540	50	590	540	50	590	.....	40	40	10	640	45	.....	45	183	82
Gladwin	C. W. Smith	300	32	332	291	32	323	9	28	28	.....	354	15	.....	15	30	15
Greenville	O. F. Bulman	655	50	705	800	.....	800	.....	40	40	2	892	8	.....	8	100	200
Greenville Circuit	W. F. Kendrick	1,000	200	1,200	1,000	200	1,200	.....	80	80	25	1,290	60	.....	60	300	140
Harrison	George K. Fairbank	525	75	600	540	75	615	.....	44	44	8	661	30	.....	30	50	75
Hersey	Will S. Colgrove	350	60	410	315	60	375	35	18	18	.....	393	.....	.....	.....	58	25
Howard City	C. A. Brown	540	60	600	540	60	600	.....	36	36	5	639	5	.....	5	50	40
Lake View	D. F. Reed	950	100	1,050	950	100	1,050	.....	60	60	20	1,112	25	.....	25	500	150
Leaton and Ind. Mission	J. S. Delong	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	32	32	5	637	24	.....	24	180	100
Leroy	T. P. Bennett	325	60	385	415	60	475	.....	28	28	3	505	3	.....	3	16	45
Ludington, First	P. D. Huff	550	50	600	550	50	600	.....	40	40	6	646	22	.....	22	50	50
Ludington, Second	Thos. H. M. Coghlan	1,000	150	1,150	1,000	150	1,150	.....	80	80	23	1,250	90	.....	90	200	120
Luther	M. A. Oldt	300	75	375	317	75	392	.....	18	18	3	411	5	.....	5	110	55
Lutheran, Jefferson St.	William Judd	350	50	400	350	50	400	.....	24	24	3	426	.....	.....	.....	78	50
Marion	H. T. Gilpin	450	50	500	360	50	410	90	28	28	.....	431	5	.....	5	30	34
McBain	C. W. Holden	350	50	400	350	50	400	.....	28	28	3	429	7	.....	7	36	57
McClure	Orrin Teachout	300	350	650	315	50	365	.....	24	24	3	390	2	.....	2	20	30
Millbrook	Fred Deighton	400	60	460	400	60	460	.....	28	28	.....	488	.....	.....	.....	67	48
Morley	A. C. Parsons	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	40	40	3	591	6	.....	6	105	65
Mt. Pleasant	Joseph Dutton	1,000	150	1,150	1,000	150	1,150	.....	80	80	15	1,239	45	.....	45	345	75
Paris	F. A. Van De Walker	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	36	36	.....	586	16	.....	16	50	36
Pierston	Charles Hayward	475	50	525	475	50	525	.....	30	30	8	569	26	.....	26	135	72
Reed City	E. W. Hallenbeck	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	60	60	15	995	55	.....	55	157	102
Remus	E. W. Davis	450	50	500	450	50	500	.....	36	36	5	541	15	.....	15	100	75
Sears	J. W. Catterall	500	35	535	500	35	535	.....	36	36	.....	572	1	.....	1	50	20
Scottville and Ind. Mission	W. H. Irwin	735	50	785	735	50	785	.....	48	48	8	841	30	.....	30	125	75
Shepherd	Frank Cookson	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	56	56	8	814	.....	.....	.....	150	100
Stanton	C. E. Pollok	500	470	970	500	470	970	.....	36	36	3	1,009	9	.....	9	40	50
Stanwood	L. E. Price	450	50	500	420	50	470	30	36	36	3	487	3	.....	3	25	100
Stegman	J. B. McGinnis	385	.....	385	385	.....	385	.....	28	28	.....	413	4	.....	4	55	56
Wesley	D. E. Wade	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	40	40	8	594	11	.....	11	30	95
White Cloud	H. E. Walker	360	50	410	360	50	410	.....	28	28	3	441	2	.....	2	2	30
Winn	H. E. Day	550	50	600	520	50	570	.....	36	36	3	609	10	.....	10	102	48
		\$26,510	\$3,297	\$29,807	\$29,525	\$3,297	\$29,822	\$3,123	\$1,992	\$1,991	\$3,200	\$3,881	\$1,018	\$1,008	\$1,008	\$1,154	\$3,242

PRINTED AT THE BIG RAPIDS PRESS, 1100 COMMERCIAL ST., BIG RAPIDS, MINN.

NAME OF CHARGE

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

NAME OF CHARGE	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Soc.	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Twentieth Century
	Church	Sunday School	Total					Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund								
Ashton	\$ 2		\$ 2	\$ 1				\$ 1	1	1				3	1	\$ 1	1
Averill	30	5	35	4	1	1	4	4	1	1					7	4	4
Barryton	15	5	20	2				2	1	1				2	8	2	
Big Rapids	117	83	200	32	5		25	34	22	10	200	83	119	37	120	25	146
Big Rapids Circuit	50	6	56	6		1	5	5	1	2	2		10	30	5		5
Cadillac	80	24	104	4	3		14	36	10	3	82	47	326	12	50	13	43
Cadillac Circuit	40	20	60	4	1		5	5	2	2	1		2	23	4		
Calkinsville and Ind. Mission	35	5	40	3	1		3	33	5	1			60		12	1	
Chase	10		10	1													
Chippewa Lake	10	2	12														
Clare	34	21	55	6	1	1	4	6	3	1	46	42		2	35	4	28
Coleman	25	5	30	3	1	1	5	6	1	1				1	12	3	
Crystal Valley	10		10							1					5	1	
Edmore	10		10	2	1	1		1		1				4	2		
Entrican	17	2	19	1				1	5						2		1
Evart	75	20	95	10	1	1	15	20	10	1	27		63	10	35	7	10
Evart Circuit	4	2	6		1					3					2	1	4
Farwell	63	12	75	14	1	2	15	33	3	3			3	10	45	10	138
Ferry	15		15	3	1									2	15	3	
Gladwin	9	3	12	2	1	2	2	50	3	1			1	10	8	2	58
Greenville	131	5	136	25	3	3	15	15	10	3	73	82		10	60	10	
Greenville Circuit	30		30	5	2	1	5	5	5	2		20		3	30	2	
Harrison	8		8		1								9				
Hersey	8		8					2	2		65			3	5	3	
Howard City	100	1	101	39	5		26	27	5	5			6	3	25	2	
Lake View	30	27	57	13	1	1	8	54	7	1				3	15	3	
Lakeview and Ind. Mission	20	5	25	3	1	1		4	6	1					3	2	
Leroy	22	23	45	10	1	1	7	8	2	1				4	22	6	
Ludington, First	40	80	120	15	5	5	10	10	5	5	90			2	90	20	
Ludington, Jefferson St.	11		11	1	1				1	1				1	2	1	
Luther	15		15	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	28			1	5	2	
Marion	12	3	15						3								
McBan	13	5	18	2	1	1	2	1	3	1				2	7	1	
McClure	11		11	1	1			1	1						2	1	432
Millbrook	13	1	14		1			3									
Morley	23	12	35	1					1		5				6	1	6
Mt. Pleasant	88	18	106	26	3		6		16	3	79			11	45	9	62
Paris	22	3	25	5	1	1	5	10	3	2			52	16	16	8	10
Pierston	62	28	90	10	2	2	9	4	2	2			15	8	26		
Reed City	40		40	12	2	2	10	57	8	3	53			5	15	15	20
Remus	25	15	40	12	1	1		8	9	1				5	5		
Sears	20	4	24		1			3	1	1				30	8		
Scottville and Ind. Mission	120	19	139	21	2		12	17	2	2				8	45	8	
Shepherd	70	10	80	15	4	2	10	13	7	7	5	11		9	2		
Stanton	24		24	7	1	1		4	7	1					3	1	3
Stanwood	5		5	2			1	2	1						5		
Weidman	7		7	2	1			1	1						3		
Wesley	29	1	30	5		1	5	5	4	1	57		30	4	15	4	500
White Cloud		5	5												2	3	2
Winn	30	10	40	2	1	1	3	7	1	1				3	10	3	300
TOTAL	\$ 1,671	\$ 490	\$ 2,161	\$ 362	\$ 62	\$ 53	\$ 270	\$ 499	\$ 163	\$ 72	\$ 841	\$ 339	\$ 695	\$ 174	\$ 968	\$ 206	\$ 1,793

Statistics No. 1, Grand Rapids District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE	Church Membership			Bap- tisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property						Epworth League				Total Amount Raised for All Pur- poses on the Charge				
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children	No. of Adults	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for bldg Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Chapters	No. who are Members of Church		No. Chapters	No. Members		
Ada and Whitneyville	9	106	1	1	5	2	3	20	110	3	\$ 4,000	2	\$ 1,500	\$ 40	.....	.....	.....	2	30	.....	577	
Berlin and Lamont	3	100	1	1	5	2	2	25	96	2	4,000	2	\$ 1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	56	.....	985	
Byron Centre and Lorr.	1	132	1	1	.....	.....	2	21	149	2	3,300	1	600	107	.....	.....	.....	1	40	.....	1,109	
Bowne	13	240	1	1	3	5	3	34	230	1	6,100	1	900	.....	.....	.....	1	47	35	.....	1,587	
Caledonia	2	93	.....	.....	1	.....	1	30	160	3	6,200	1	1,000	200	.....	.....	1	45	20	.....	1,067	
Cannonsburg	.....	70	1	.....	.....	.....	1	25	100	3	7,000	1	800	450	.....	.....	.....	1	45	.....	1,319	
Casnovia	11	90	.....	.....	1	.....	2	18	110	3	6,500	.....	1,000	270	\$ 100	\$ 100	.....	35	20	.....	1,147	
Cedar Springs	17	73	.....	3	2	.....	2	18	100	3	7,500	.....	1,000	107	450	60	.....	18	14	.....	1,806	
Coopersville	33	103	1	1	1	26	3	16	90	2	3,500	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	30	10	.....	.....	1,008	
Freemont	2	123	.....	2	1	.....	2	20	167	2	5,600	1	1,000	220	1,000	.....	2	78	40	2	61	
Grand Haven	1	39	.....	.....	9	.....	1	13	145	1	5,600	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	1	32	30	1	28	
Grand Rapids, Dickinson Ave.	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	.....	1	2,200	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	1	30	10	.....	582	
“ Division	10	520	.....	6	.....	.....	1	43	302	1	30,000	1	6,500	900	160	100	.....	1	22	18	.....	469
“ Trinity	29	375	1	2	13	.....	1	30	271	1	10,000	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	1	178	150	.....	9,162	
“ Epworth	11	134	.....	.....	2	10	3	22	175	1	2,500	.....	.....	50	26	.....	1	91	81	.....	6,162	
“ Peaks Mem.	27	150	.....	3	18	.....	1	15	145	1	2,500	.....	.....	299	.....	.....	1	70	64	1	40	
“ Joy Memorial	12	146	1	1	4	.....	1	25	180	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	55	43	1	23	
“ Plainfield Ave.	8	202	1	3	1	10	3	20	160	1	4,000	1	4,000	545	200	1,400	.....	50	30	.....	.....	1,368
“ Second Street	27	416	.....	5	3	.....	1	51	475	3	27,000	1	2,500	184	.....	.....	1	100	100	.....	.....	2,422
“ Tenth Avenue	2	229	1	.....	3	.....	3	36	240	1	6,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	1	66	56	.....	.....	3,945
Grandville	.....	124	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	23	225	3	4,000	1	1,000	75	.....	.....	1	66	56	1	50	1,372
Hart	6	150	.....	3	1	.....	2	27	180	2	7,000	1	1,500	300	.....	.....	1	72	58	2	45	1,890
Hastings	7	253	.....	6	6	.....	1	27	250	2	7,500	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	1	80	47	1	70	2,528
Hastings Circuit	2	120	1	1	4	.....	4	46	160	2	2,000	1	1,200	50	.....	.....	1	81	40	2	82	893
Hesperia	27	135	.....	2	2	.....	2	25	150	2	2,500	1	1,500	227	430	5,400	.....	139	102	2	50	2,578
Holland	5	321	.....	6	8	.....	2	40	342	2	13,500	1	800	460	.....	.....	1	37	34	.....	.....	1,059
Holton	15	59	1	1	6	.....	2	20	85	2	2,000	1	600	30	.....	.....	1	16	8	.....	.....	831
Irving	3	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	35	240	2	3,500	1	1,500	2,000	.....	.....	1	55	50	1	30	3,489
Lake Odessa	4	190	.....	2	3	.....	2	30	225	2	2,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	55	50	1	30	3,489
Lisbon and Edgerton	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	24	90	2	4,000	1	1,000	27	.....	.....	1	53	40	1	30	1,566
Lowell	8	222	.....	2	1	.....	1	21	188	1	4,000	1	1,000	200	.....	.....	1	32	22	.....	.....	1,248
Middleville	12	137	.....	4	3	.....	2	24	130	2	3,500	1	1,000	153	75	.....	2	83	58	.....	.....	1,673
Montague	6	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	42	500	1	30,000	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	2	100	.....	1	80	4,309
Muskegon, Central	8	370	.....	12	2	.....	2	42	500	1	30,000	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	1	100	.....	.....	.....	2,026
Muskegon, Lakewood Heights	18	149	1	4	19	9	3	35	286	3	6,850	1	500	800	250	50	150	50	37	.....	.....	1,170
North Muskegon	1	40	.....	1	1	.....	4	20	200	2	1,000	1	500	800	.....	.....	1	20	10	.....	.....	775
Newaygo and Oak Grove	16	101	1	1	.....	.....	2	25	140	1	6,000	2	1,000	80	100	.....	1	20	18	1	15	1,079
Pentwater	3	56	1	3	6	15	2	16	140	1	2,000	1	600	75	.....	.....	1	16	8	.....	.....	792
Ravenna	1	80	1	1	.....	.....	4	30	150	2	2,800	1	1,000	1,800	22	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,483
Robinson	3	215	1	3	10	.....	2	26	200	2	7,000	1	1,000	500	.....	.....	1	36	35	.....	.....	2,157
Rockford	12	330	.....	1	6	.....	3	35	350	3	9,300	1	1,800	75	500	250	1	118	110	.....	.....	2,439
Shelby	75	75	.....	1	.....	.....	1	9	30	1	2,500	1	400	.....	.....	.....	1	25	15	.....	.....	543
Saranac	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	140	2	3,900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	700
South Lowell	2	126	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	140	2	3,900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,553
Sparta	19	187	.....	4	24	.....	2	38	309	2	11,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	2	91	70	.....	.....	742
Spring Lake	4	67	1	1	2	8	1	23	85	2	3,700	1	800	116	.....	.....	1	32	22	1	15	935
Wayland	10	140	1	1	.....	.....	2	25	150	3	5,500	1	2,000	150	700	.....	1	40	28	1	70	1,507
Whitehall	7	100	6	1	13	110	1	4,500	1	1,500	30	40	180	1	40	28	1	15	907
Virginnes and Keene	14	107	.....	2	2	.....	1	11	100	2	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	435	7,697	18	90	144	193	100	1,246	8,696	94	\$ 337,250	40	\$51,000	\$14,558	\$ 2,918	\$ 9,625	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$68,376

NAME OF CHARGE		Church Property										Support of Elders		Support of Bishops		Conference Claimants		Current Expenses			
		Claims			Receipts			Deficiencies	Support of Elders		Support of Bishops		Conference Claimants								
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount Apport.	Amount Paid	Amount Apport.	Amount Paid	Collec't'ns	Other Sources	Total						
NAME OF PASTOR		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Ada and Whitneyville.....	Don D. Lescohier.....	425	13	438	438	425	13	438	....	438	....	25	4	25	4	463	3	1	4	25	60
Berlin and Lamont.....	W. W. Duffey.....	550	60	610	610	550	60	610	....	610	....	34	4	34	4	596	21	....	24	105	58
Byron Centre and Dorr.....	W. Earl.....	450	100	550	550	450	100	550	....	550	....	48	13	48	13	536	63	....	32	116	64
Calderon.....	R. D. Freeman.....	700	775	1,475	1,475	700	775	1,475	....	1,475	....	48	13	48	13	836	63	....	65	178	115
Caledonia.....	W. F. Glass.....	450	75	525	525	450	75	525	....	525	....	35	3	35	3	562	10	....	20	125	111
Cannonsburg.....	C. J. Kruse.....	500	75	575	575	500	75	575	....	575	....	30	3	30	3	583	20	....	20	100	63
Cedar Springs.....	W. H. Holcomb.....	500	75	575	575	510	75	585	....	585	....	30	3	30	3	585	3	....	5	90	60
Cedar Springs.....	W. W. Steele.....	500	100	600	600	467	100	567	....	567	....	30	27	30	27	596	8	....	8	110	40
Coopersville.....	E. W. Langh.....	650	100	750	750	650	100	750	....	750	....	40	3	40	3	726	25	....	25	65	52
Freemont.....	A. Shewell.....	550	175	725	725	550	175	725	....	725	....	35	5	35	5	734	10	....	10	77	66
Grand Haven.....	F. A. Bennett.....	450	100	550	550	450	100	550	....	550	....	30	3	30	3	4	25	....	25	45	60
Grand Rapids, Dickinson Ave.	F. W. Tanner.....	450	100	550	550	450	100	550	....	550	....	30	3	30	3	4	25	....	25	45	60
Grand Rapids, Division	F. W. Forner.....	125	....	125	125	125	....	125	....	125	....	14	4	14	4	453	4	....	4	67	27
Grand Rapids, Trinity	E. C. Lewis.....	2,000	400	2,400	2,400	2,000	400	2,400	....	2,400	....	275	25	275	25	1,300	161	151	312	2,200	190
Grand Rapids, Epworth	R. H. Lovejoy.....	1,300	....	1,300	1,300	1,300	....	1,300	....	1,300	....	65	18	65	18	1,383	93	....	93	575	129
Grand Rapids, Evans Men.	R. H. Larabee.....	750	....	750	750	750	....	750	....	750	....	32	7	32	7	789	36	....	36	120	59
Grand Rapids, P. M. Memorial.	R. H. Brady.....	725	....	725	725	725	....	725	....	725	....	20	5	20	5	720	7	....	7	120	90
Grand Rapids, Prairie Ave.	A. R. Lee.....	950	....	950	950	950	....	950	....	950	....	35	3	35	3	986	5	....	5	155	80
Grand Rapids, Second Street.	A. H. Sturges.....	800	200	1,000	1,000	800	200	1,000	....	1,000	....	125	10	125	10	1,040	52	....	52	131	80
Grand Rapids, Tenth Avenue.	Thomas Cox.....	1,300	250	1,550	1,550	1,300	250	1,550	....	1,550	....	125	22	125	22	1,697	50	....	50	861	321
Grandville.....	J. W. Bell.....	687	....	687	687	687	....	687	....	687	....	45	13	45	13	742	26	....	26	227	100
Hart.....	C. W. Marshall.....	550	80	630	630	550	80	630	....	630	....	40	4	40	4	674	28	....	28	125	80
Hastings.....	A. H. Moors.....	700	100	800	800	770	100	870	....	870	....	40	4	40	4	917	36	....	36	180	55
Hastings Circuit	George Bullen.....	925	100	1,025	1,025	925	100	1,025	....	1,025	....	100	10	100	10	1,135	63	....	63	405	64
Hesperia.....	A. B. Johnson.....	500	575	1,075	1,075	475	575	1,050	....	1,050	....	35	3	35	3	615	25	....	25	70	65
Holland.....	E. E. Haring.....	300	25	325	325	300	25	325	....	325	....	32	9	32	9	357	42	....	42	50	85
Holland.....	Arthur Trotter.....	1,000	150	1,150	1,150	1,000	150	1,150	....	1,150	....	48	15	48	15	1,202	40	....	40	333	144
Irving.....	R. E. Baskell.....	360	50	410	410	360	50	410	....	410	....	20	2	20	2	432	10	....	10	94	20
Lake Odessa.....	G. E. Gilley.....	600	100	700	700	600	100	700	....	700	....	32	4	32	4	633	10	....	10	60	51
Lake Odessa.....	J. H. Wilcox.....	900	100	1,000	1,000	900	100	1,000	....	1,000	....	50	5	50	5	1,060	50	....	50	110	70
Lisbon and Edgerton.....	G. J. Potter.....	350	....	350	350	335	....	335	....	335	....	20	2	20	2	356	5	....	5	35	45
Lowell.....	Charles Nease.....	800	100	900	900	800	100	900	....	900	....	62	6	62	6	966	30	....	30	197	91
Middleville.....	C. A. Jacques.....	596	100	696	696	596	100	696	....	696	....	30	3	30	3	732	16	....	16	107	64
Montague.....	John Dobson.....	800	100	900	900	700	100	800	....	800	....	40	8	40	8	848	42	....	42	230	90
Muskegon, Central	G. D. Chase.....	1,450	150	1,600	1,600	1,450	150	1,600	....	1,600	....	120	18	120	18	1,738	110	....	110	1,290	138
Muskegon, Lakewood Heights	J. A. De Graf.....	750	....	750	750	750	....	750	....	750	....	30	3	30	3	789	50	....	50	145	160
North Muskegon	C. M. Loomis.....	200	....	200	200	200	....	200	....	200	....	18	2	18	2	220	1	....	1	10	60
Newaygo and Oak Grove	A. C. Wood.....	475	100	575	575	430	100	530	....	530	....	25	2	25	2	555	....	....	....	80	60
Pentwater.....	W. S. Woodhull.....	550	50	600	600	550	50	600	....	600	....	32	3	32	3	637	24	....	24	150	60
Ravenna.....	George E. Hill.....	550	50	600	600	550	50	600	....	600	....	28	3	28	3	628	5	....	5	60	64
Robinson.....	J. G. Phillips.....	450	75	525	525	393	75	468	....	468	....	24	4	24	4	493	11	....	11	30	75
Rockford.....	W. J. Slee.....	750	100	850	850	750	100	850	....	850	....	50	5	50	5	910	57	....	57	225	200
Saranac.....	J. W. H. Carlisle.....	900	100	1,000	1,000	900	100	1,000	....	1,000	....	55	15	55	15	1,065	70	....	70	225	100
Shelby.....	Charles Otian.....	500	....	500	500	430	....	430	....	430	....	36	6	36	6	438	1	....	1	55	30
South Lowell.....	Seymour Williams.....	500	....	500	500	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	3	30	3	530	23	....	23	100	42
Sparta.....	J. F. Peschman.....	700	150	850	850	700	150	850	....	850	....	46	6	46	6	902	29	....	29	250	136
Spring Lake.....	H. C. Chamberlain.....	365	75	440	440	365	75	440	....	440	....	20	4	20	4	462	10	....	10	125	60
Wayland.....	Clyde W. Emmons.....	530	50	580	580	455	35	490	....	490	....	32	3	32	3	525	....	....	....	55	40
Whitehall.....	A. C. Odum.....	875	125	1,000	1,000	875	125	1,000	....	1,000	....	37	3	37	3	916	....	....	....	120	60
Virgenues and Keene.....	J. H. Wesbrook.....	600	....	600	600	600	....	600	....	600	....	28	6	28	6	634	30	....	30	156	35
		\$33,498	\$3,898	\$37,396	\$37,396	\$32,987	\$3,913	\$36,900	\$496	\$2,209	\$2,156	\$397	\$273	\$39,329	\$504	\$156	\$1,660		\$10,541	\$4,100	

Statistics No. 4, Grand Rapids District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

NAME OF CHARGE	Missions		Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Soc.	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conferences	Episcopal Fund	Century
	Church	Sunday School	Total				Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund								
Ada and Whitneyville	\$ 11	.....	\$ 11	.....	.....	.....	9	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....	\$ 400
Berlin and Lamont	57	3	60	2	.....	2	7	0	2	.....	.....	.....	1	24	.....	10
Byron Centre and Dorr	52	14	66	3	.....	5	8	2	2	.....	.....	.....	6	32	6	20
Downe	150	29	180	9	.....	17	27	4	5	.....	15	100	13	65	13	38
Caledonia	18	12	30	2	.....	1	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	2	10	.....	.....
Cannonsburg	60	4	64	1	.....	1	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Casnovia	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Springs	18	2	20	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	2	470
Coopersville	50	5	55	4	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Freemont	35	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Haven	85	15	100	9	4	2	10	3	.....	8	.....	.....	1	25	4	11
Grand Rapids, Dickinson Ave.	3	16	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Division	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trinity	875	175	1050	56	12	10	87	523	30	12	499	531	282	312	25	25
Epworth	1097	155	1252	41	9	9	27	90	7	7	194	319	112	93	18	2200
Peakins Mem.	83	32	115	14	3	2	9	14	3	3	26	.....	25	7	.....	3
Joy Memorial	90	5	95	4	2	2	4	7	.....	2	.....	5	7	36	7	225
Plainfield Ave.	40	25	65	5	3	4	3	.....	5	4	.....	31	.....	5	1	22
Second Street	150	28	178	20	2	1	14	25	3	4	51	45	24	52	.....	.....
Tenth Avenue	70	71	141	10	5	2	10	.....	12	2	137	288	117	8	50	100
Hart	137	14	151	4	2	1	3	4	1	1	87	54	.....	10	26	47
Hastings	26	24	50	4	3	2	5	6	3	1	2	.....	.....	28	4	32
Hastings Circuit	44	26	70	6	1	1	9	43	3	3	8	60	7	36	7	40
Hesperia	168	42	210	24	7	2	14	22	8	4	141	117	10	63	10	.....
Holland	34	11	45	6	.....	2	8	12	2	2	.....	1	5	25	6	35
Holton	17	35	52	10	5	2	6	15	6	3	75	.....	9	42	.....	.....
Holton	32	58	90	5	2	1	1	.....	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	4	.....
Irving	36	.....	36	2	1	1	1	3	.....	1	.....	.....	2	10	2	4
Lake Odessa	5	115	120	10	1	2	5	10	7	1	28	.....	5	50	10	.....
Lisbon and Edgerton	6	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lowell	94	31	125	12	5	4	13	41	4	4	23	21	3	30	4	.....
Middleville	33	20	53	5	2	2	5	10	9	2	20	.....	6	16	6	15
Montague	93	7	100	17	3	9	10	34	5	3	70	.....	14	42	8	39
Muskegon, Central	394	126	520	38	9	9	27	160	23	7	113	70	39	110	18	.....
Muskegon, Lakewood Heights	75	60	135	18	3	2	11	18	3	3	39	.....	12	9	.....	329
North Muskegon	9	.....	11	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	50	2	.....
Northway and Oak Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Pentwater	30	21	51	8	1	1	7	4	.....	2	31	19	4	24	5	2
Ravenna	24	11	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Robinson	24	9	33	5	1	1	2	5	3	1	.....	.....	1	11	1	.....
Rockford	95	35	130	15	2	2	16	72	4	2	.....	6	11	57	10	.....
Shelby	130	50	180	15	4	3	12	53	7	5	82	35	8	70	10	.....
Saranac	10	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
South Lowell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sparta	110	20	130	11	1	1	6	11	12	1	59	.....	4	29	.....	.....
Spring Lake	27	8	35	3	1	1	2	6	8	1	.....	.....	2	10	2	30
Wayland	26	9	35	2	1	1	1	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Whitehall	90	40	130	5	2	2	5	20	6	2	81	1	3	20	4	32
Virgennes and Keene	40	4	44	8	1	1	7	12	2	2	.....	.....	6	30	6	59
Total	\$4,796	\$1,340	\$6,136	\$465	\$106	\$94	\$399	\$1,372	\$788	\$104	\$1,844	\$1,530	\$71	\$23	\$1,440	\$4,796

NAME OF CHARGE

NAME OF CHARGE	Membership				Sunday Schools				Church Property				Financial Summary				Total Amount Raised for All Purposes on the Church							
	No. of Probationers	No. of Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children	No. of Adults	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property		No. of Chapters	No. who are Members	No. Members of Church	No. Chapters	No. Members	No. Junior League	No. Junior League
Alanson	40	52	1	1	18	3	2	14	70	3	\$ 3,500	3,500	...	\$ 253	\$ 175	42	600	1	15	12	...	...	592
Albion	26	96	1	1	...	...	2	18	213	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	34	34	1	52	1,255
Alden	23	90	1	1	1	...	2	21	110	2	2,700	2,700	1	650	265	42	600	1	25	15	1	21	1,014	
Bear Lake	10	211	...	1	...	...	2	45	275	3	3,500	3,500	...	500	25	...	53	2	85	75	1	20	1,885
Bellaire	9	130	4	11	3	...	2	24	210	1	4,500	4,500	...	700	250	...	...	1	54	29	...	...	1,330
Benzonia	6	77	1	2	5	6	2	24	75	2	2,200	2,200	1	800	30	...	...	2	50	45	...	...	1,545
Boyer City	40	206	3	3	1	21	2	23	234	1	3,000	3,000	...	350	...	...	...	1	50	41	...	...	1,869
Central Lake	9	148	1	2	...	...	2	22	116	2	4,500	4,500	1	500	...	...	...	1	55	36	...	...	995
Central Lake Circuit	4	28	1	...	...	...	1	9	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180
Charlevoix	32	312	3	3	6	17	1	25	375	1	3,500	3,500	1	425	30	75	75	1	58	75	1	94	3,236	
Claron and Boyne Falls	8	125	1	...	...	...	2	26	172	1	2,000	2,000	1	39	...	18	...	1	20	...	...	...	847
Cross Village	10	50	...	3	...	6	2	20	180	1	2,000	2,000	1	15	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	420
East Jordan	5	164	1	3	6	...	3	36	240	1	2,000	2,000	1	750	50	100	...	1	96	46	1	30	943	
Elk Rapids	33	167	2	2	7	14	3	35	180	3	11,450	11,450	...	200	1,450	1,750	3	69	44	1	36	2,806		
Empire	19	110	...	...	3	21	4	30	250	3	3,000	3,000	2	...	...	...	2	45	35	1	44	827	
Fire Lake	1	43	...	...	...	...	1	11	60	2	2,500	2,500	1	350	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	607
Frankfort	4	69	...	...	...	...	1	13	75	1	3,500	3,500	1	800	75	...	...	1	51	50	1	15	885
Freeston	23	108	1	...	4	...	3	17	135	2	2,250	2,250	1	500	48	300	...	1	70	33	1	35	560	
Grawn	7	43	...	...	...	...	3	16	75	2	3,000	3,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	995
Harbor Springs	6	147	1	1	1	7	1	13	105	1	2,500	2,500	1	1,800	52	450	1	68	51	...	...	...	1,100
Harrietta	4	30	1	1	...	...	2	8	30	2	2,800	2,800	1	300	1,000	700	...	1	20	15	1	10	1,262
Honor	3	47	1	1	...	...	3	8	75	1	2,500	2,500	1	1,859	...	250	...	1	...	...	...	...	1,962
Horton's Bay	3	23	1	1	2	2	1	16	80	2	1,500	1,500	1	75	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	658
Inland	5	68	2	...	...	...	3	20	130	1	1,500	1,500	1	800	...	...	...	1	10	8	...	...	339
Ironton	7	68	1	...	...	...	2	16	80	2	1,200	1,200	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kalkaska	96	167	2	2	1	39	3	28	204	3	5,350	5,350	1	481	...	230	...	3	130	105	1	20	2,908	
Kewadin Indian Mission	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kingsley	8	49	1	2	...	...	1	10	50	2	2,000	2,000	1	350	80	544	...	1	23	6	...	...	1,112
Lake City	22	96	2	2	6	8	1	14	70	1	1,500	1,500	1	700	100	...	...	1	18	18	1	31	1,263
Levering	9	81	...	...	...	...	2	26	126	2	2,000	2,000	1	900	422	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,160
Mackinaw City	4	28	...	...	...	...	1	5	30	1	2,000	2,000	...	27	...	250	...	...	...	...	...	...	243
Mancelona	7	138	1	1	5	4	2	24	185	2	4,700	4,700	1	800	300	76	...	63	28	...	...	...	1,737
Manistee	31	300	1	1	21	11	1	46	480	1	10,000	10,000	1	2,500	80	...	...	1	90	75	1	30	3,000
Manton	20	83	2	2	11	2	2	26	220	2	3,100	3,100	1	1,400	...	...	2	78	40	...	...	...	2,131
Manton Circuit	41	26	1	...	32	...	2	20	90	...	...	...	...	1,600	...	...	...	...	40	8	...	...	...
Northport	2	76	1	1	3	...	2	15	145	2	3,000	3,000	1	1,500	750	200	...	1	42	28	1	17	1,483	
Northport Ind. Mission	2	76	2	...	...	...	2	45	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Norwood	12	119	1	1	6	1	3	32	180	3	5,500	5,500	1	700	171	25	225	...	1	12	5	...	944	
Old Mission	4	50	1	1	1	...	1	21	97	3	3,300	3,300	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	833
Pellston	1	34	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332
Petoskey, First Church	34	599	5	6	10	19	1	32	385	1	17,000	17,000	1	4,000	40	428	1	203	192	1	80	4,319		
Petoskey, Grace Church	17	100	...	...	4	4	2	18	100	2	2,800	2,800	...	103	...	...	...	...	32	16	...	...	1,034
Petoskey Indian Mission	11	60	2	15	7	...	2	2	22	2	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	18	...	...	109
Sherman	16	88	...	...	9	...	2	20	125	2	2,500	2,500	1	800	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,525
South Boardman	4	74	1	1	2	7	2	17	70	2	1,700	1,700	1	600	300	350	...	2	48	16	...	...	742
South Frankfort	7	34	...	...	...	...	2	16	125	3	3,000	3,000	1	700	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	691
Stittsville	6	62	2	2	1	1	3	22	104	3	3,000	3,000	2	17	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	627
Thompsonville	6	57	1	...	...	...	1	38	220	3	3,500	3,500	2	100	...	950	...	45	40	1	40	...	603
Torch Lake	6	99	2	4	2	...	1	31	174	3	2,700	2,700	1	1,000	965	300	...	85	45	...	...	...	1,689
Traverse City, First Church	52	445	1	7	10	15	1	25	250	1	8,000	8,000	1	2,000	600	460	...	110	90	1	50	...	4,887	
Traverse City, Sec. Church	17	313	3	...	18	41	3	40	304	3	7,500	7,500	1	1,500	536	150	...	167	56	1	39	...	2,984	
Wexford	23	61	1	1	1	...	3	31	180	2	3,500	3,500	1	500	...	...	...	77	35	...	...	...	622
Williamsburg	40	126	...	...	1	36	3	31	200	3	5,000	5,000	1	600	200	...	110	1	70	40	...	...	1,280
	829	6,032	43	74	174	353	106	979	7,728	94	\$177,510	42	\$37,800	\$13,273	\$ 3,030	\$10,848	1,525	51	5,831	1,525	19	674	...	\$65,084

Statistics No. 3. Grand Traverse District, Michigan Conference for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR										Pastor's Support				Support of Elders				Support of Bishops				Conference Claimants				Current Expenses																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
	NAME OF PASTOR										Receipts				Deficiencies				Amount				Amount				Rec'd Fr.				Church	Sunday School																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
											Claims				Total				House Rent				Total				Apport.						Paid				Total																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
											Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount			Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Amount

NAME OF CHARGE

NAME OF CHARGE	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Soc.	Education			American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Twentieth Century
	Church	Sunday School	Total					Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund									
Alanson	5	2	7	2	1	\$	\$	2	\$	1	\$	1	1	2	\$	\$	1	
Alba	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Alden	14	11	25	6	3	1	4	4	3	5	4	4	2	2	12	20	2	1
Bear Lake	35	9	44	4	4	2	6	6	6	5	3	3	4	5	2	20	3	13
Bellaire	40	6	46	10	4	3	6	30	30	5	4	4	5	5	2	20	3	
Benzonia	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	7	3	6	4	4	5	8	30	20	4	
Boyncy City	40	10	50	15	5	1	10	8	8	5	78	78	121	3	3	4	5	
Central Lake	18	3	21	4	1	1	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	3	3	3	5	
Central Lake Circuit	5	5	10	5	5	6	13	77	12	12	8	51	425	10	3	3	1	1
Charlevoix	75	35	110	20	12	1	6	2	2	2	8	90	5	82	90	8	67	
Clarion and Boyne Falls	4	4	8	3	3	1	2	4	3	3	1	82	1	15	15	2	1	6
Cross Village	25	10	35	5	2	1	6	4	4	4	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	16
East Jordan	17	20	37	8	4	3	5	6	16	4	16	16	6	2	18	3	295	
Elk Rapids	15	10	25	3	2	1	5	23	1	2	16	16	6	2	10	2	2	
Empire	10	3	13	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	10	2	23	
Erie Lake	3	2	5	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	2	
Frankfort	8	2	10	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	29	1	1	4	2		
Freeston	21	24	45	3	1	1	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	2	2		
Harbor Springs	8	8	16	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2		
Harrietta	21	24	45	3	1	1	2	2	5	1	1	1	1	1	4	2		
Honor	8	8	16	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2		
Horton's Bay	5	7	12	3	1	1	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	1		
Inland	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Ironton	50	10	60	15	5	2	8	3	5	5	1	1	19	3	35	5	1,222	
Kalkaska	8	8	16	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	6	1	122	
Kewadin Indian Mission	32	18	50	14	6	5	10	60	3	5	5	5	1	1	57	5	122	
Kingsley	8	8	16	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Lake City	32	18	50	14	6	5	10	60	3	5	5	5	1	1	57	5	122	
Lewing	8	1	9	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	11	15	4	20	1	45	
Mackinaw City	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	11	15	4	20	1	45	
Mancelona	95	5	100	5	2	1	5	3	6	2	8	39	15	1	80	8	6	
Manistee	155	170	325	20	4	20	75	75	12	1	57	57	11	1	9	1	6	
Manton	16	9	25	5	1	1	3	12	1	1	1	11	15	1	20	1	45	
Manton Circuit	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	
Mantonport	15	15	30	3	1	1	5	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	15	2	45	
Northport Ind. Mission	9	9	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	45	
Norwood	10	10	20	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	6	
Old Mission	215	135	350	35	10	5	20	22	23	8	203	184	47	10	75	20	130	
Pellston	27	6	33	8	3	2	10	6	5	3	10	10	5	2	24	2	130	
Petoskey, First Church	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Petoskey, Grace Church	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Petoskey Indian Mission	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Sherman	6	10	16	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	10	2	1	
South Boardman	10	4	14	4	1	1	3	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	
South Frankfort	18	2	20	4	2	1	3	4	5	2	2	2	2	2	10	2	16	
Stittsville	5	5	10	5	5	6	13	7	12	8	51	425	10	3	3	1	1	
Thompsonville	14	14	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	16	
Torch Lake	60	130	190	35	8	6	30	125	13	8	130	206	1	10	40	10	315	
Traverse City, First Church	65	10	75	12	4	3	8	8	5	4	6	6	3	5	5	5	705	
Traverse City, Sec. Church	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	
Wexford	30	30	60	4	1	1	6	9	13	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	
Williamsburg	30	30	60	4	1	1	6	9	13	1	1	1	1	1	14	1	1	
	\$1,208	\$655	\$1,863	\$250	\$95	\$65	\$236	\$509	\$217	\$87	\$706	\$548	\$646	\$76	\$789	\$113	\$3,971	

Statistics No. 1, Kalamazoo District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHURGE	Church Membership			Bap- tisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property							Epworth League				Total Amount Raised for All Pur- poses on the Charge				
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children	No. of Adults	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for b'ld'g Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Churches and Parsonages	Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. who are Members of Church	No. Chapters		No. Members	No. Chapters	No. Members	
Allegan	5	247	2	1	5	23	2	28	180	2	\$ 5,800	1	\$ 3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	74	2	40	\$ 1,725
Athens	7	108	1	1	2	2	2	24	100	1	2,700	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	17	1	..	996
Athens Indian Mission	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	112
Augusta	25	100	2	2	3	3	2	..	..	..	1,000	1	600	78	10	.....	.....	.....	24	8	1	..	957
Banfield	18	131	1	1	7	5	3	12	77	2	3,500	1	800	15	10	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	5,588
Battle Creek, First Church	19	471	1	9	10	2	3	34	210	2	20,000	1	4,500	1,000	300	2,000	2,000	75	60	1	40	5,353		
Battle Creek, Maple Street	8	200	1	1	3	2	1	32	300	1	20,000	1	3,000	3,000	150	3,200	3,200	54	48	1	65	1,876		
Battle Creek, Upton Avenue	10	200	1	1	3	2	2	23	230	1	2,000	1	900	250	250	2,660	2,660	74	64	1	..	3,619		
Bellevue	20	260	7	2	2	21	2	38	156	2	16,500	1	1,500	860	840	.....	.....	.....	60	40	..	..	1,341
Bloomington	9	179	2	2	4	..	1	4	165	4	7,000	1	1,000	150	..	.....	.....	.....	37	27	1	..	153
Bradley Indian Mission	2	22	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	7,500	1	1,200	15	..	.....	.....	.....	52	47	1	..	2,159
Climax	4	75	3	1	3	..	1	13	67	1	..	1	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	1	47	1	..	400
Cloverdale	7	13	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	700	..	..	.....	.....	.....	1	15	1	..	561
Comstock	3	40	..	..	..	..	1	10	75	1	2,500	1	1,000	15	..	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	885
Cooper	3	79	..	..	1	1	2	18	117	2	2,500	1	1,000	16	272	528	528	..	..	..	..	781	
Detroit	4	71	..	..	3	..	1	16	74	1	1,500	1	1,000	200	..	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	1,200
Douglas and Saugatuck	..	84	..	..	5	2	2	20	90	2	3,000	1	1,000	499	473	473	473	2	104	46	1	30	1,594
Fennville	1	83	2	..	..	..	2	12	132	2	5,000	1	1,000	145	..	.....	.....	.....	25	25	1	27	2,416
Fulton	17	197	1	5	6	24	2	31	160	1	8,000	1	1,500	185	..	.....	.....	.....	80	50	1	25	1,173
Galesburg	8	140	2	1	2	4	1	16	160	1	3,000	1	1,500	75	173	173	173	1	62	57	1	25	1,692	
Ganges	7	160	..	..	2	..	2	27	90	1	3,000	1	1,200	..	..	.....	.....	.....	86	59	1	30	1,664
Glenn and Casco	12	162	..	..	9	3	2	20	86	2	3,500	1	1,000	85	40	334	334	2	86	59	1	32	928
Gobleville	14	622	12	7	11	45	629	1	86	2	45,000	1	1,000	..	..	.....	.....	.....	157	157	1	35	6,248
Kalamazoo, First Church	11	81	..	..	2	6	1	14	150	1	5,600	1	1,800	..	..	.....	.....	.....	46	29	1	20	1,163
" East Ave.	6	38	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	365
" Milwood	9	285	4	..	6	..	1	32	240	1	5,550	..	406	..	..	.....	.....	.....	97	80	1	45	2,450
" Simpson	9	285	4	..	6	..	1	32	240	1	5,550	..	406	..	..	.....	.....	.....	97	80	1	45	2,450
Kendall	14	90	1	..	..	..	2	19	110	1	2,200	1	400	170	111	27	27	..	..	..	..	..	655
Lacota	15	208	..	..	..	..	2	14	145	1	2,500	1	1,000	150	..	.....	.....	.....	61	50	..	..	1,111
Martin	21	248	..	..	..	..	2	32	160	2	5,000	1	1,000	260	40	..	.....	.....	75	60	..	..	1,532
Mendon	2	83	..	..	..	..	2	34	225	2	3,200	1	500	240	..	.....	.....	.....	52	27	1	25	1,792
Monterey	2	83	..	..	..	..	3	27	180	3	3,200	1	600	100	20	70	70	..	..	..	..	..	1,010
Oshkono	3	115	1	10	5	2	2	19	185	2	9,900	1	900	290	..	.....	.....	.....	16	7	..	..	3,947
Orsago	15	268	..	1	4	23	1	22	250	1	7,200	1	2,000	425	..	936	936	58	50	1	65	2,223		
Parkville	5	124	1	1	2	1	2	22	140	2	4,000	1	300	..	..	.....	.....	.....	16	16	..	..	699
Pennfield	23	133	3	..	4	1	5	45	227	1	1,500	1	600	50	..	.....	.....	.....	71	56	1	38	1,585
Plainwell	2	180	6	..	..	..	1	23	100	1	4,000	1	1,300	..	..	.....	.....	.....	60	50	1	8	975
Prairieville	12	132	2	1	2	2	3	20	100	3	3,000	1	1,300	..	..	.....	.....	.....	34	24	..	..	1,159
Richland	5	100	1	..	..	..	1	25	120	2	4,000	1	800	142	..	30	30	..	20	12	..	..	785
Schoolcraft	3	103	3	3	3	1	1	15	75	1	3,000	1	800	160	..	40	40	..	60	50	1	8	975	
Scotts	23	101	1	1	1	16	2	21	110	2	3,500	1	700	12	90	40	40	..	34	24	..	..	1,159
Sonoma	5	88	5	1	3	34	100	5	7,500	1	2,500	130	..	500	500	100	95	1	50	1,443
South Haven	19	356	1	5	5	21	1	25	285	1	5,000	1	1,500	60	..	60	60	40	100	95	1	50	..	947
Trowbridge	28	127	1	2	8	8	1	17	125	1	2,500	1	1,000	2,500	40	40	10	3,718
Vicksburg	..	100	3	..	1	20	100	1	4,000	1	2,500
	428	6,686	22	90	116	200	76	995	6,723	66	\$264,600	37	\$45,200	\$14,403	\$ 2,459	\$ 1,440	\$13,430	\$13,430	1,996	1,440	16	623	\$73,978	

NAME OF CHARGE		NAME OF PASTOR				Pastor's Support				Support of Presiding Elders		Support of Bishops		Conference Claimants		Current Expenses					
		Claims		Receipts		Deficiencies		Amount Appor.		Amount Paid		Amount Appor.		Total Support Pastors and Bishops		Rec'd Fr.		Church		Sunday School	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total		Amount	Amount	Paid	Amount	Amount	Total	Collect'ns	Other Sources	Total				
Allegan	G. R. Arnold.....	\$ 925	\$ 150	\$ 1,075	\$ 925	\$ 150	\$ 1,075	...	\$ 86	\$ 86	\$12	\$12	\$ 1173	\$ 46	\$ 46	\$ 28	\$ 140	\$ 100	\$ 45		
Athens	L. A. Severts.....	550	75	625	550	75	625	...	50	50	6	6	681	28	...	...	100	45	...
Athens Indian Mission	R. H. Chase.....	40	40	80	525	50	575	40	12	12	5	5	52	10	...	...	100	45	...
Augusta	D. H. Leamon.....	525	50	575	525	50	575	...	46	46	5	5	628	20	...	...	65	62	...
Banfield	T. H. Leamon.....	1,300	250	1,550	1,450	250	1,700	...	124	124	35	35	1,844	50	...	...	1,000	150	...
Battle Creek, First Church	D. H. Leamon.....	1,200	1,200	2,400	1,200	1,200	2,400	...	96	96	14	14	1,310	50	...	...	250	100	...
Battle Creek, Maple Street	J. A. Brady.....	1,200	1,200	2,400	1,200	1,200	2,400	...	96	96	14	14	1,310	50	...	...	250	100	...
Battle Creek, Upton Avenue	J. W. Foy.....	700	100	800	775	100	875	...	64	64	7	7	949	50	...	...	150	80	...
Bellevue	C. F. Wheeler.....	900	120	1,020	900	120	1,020	...	81	81	12	12	1,107	42	...	...	284	102	...
Bloomington	C. F. Brown.....	565	75	640	565	75	640	...	51	51	8	8	704	30	...	...	80	58	...
Bromley Indian Mission	John Pigeon.....	53	53	106	53	53	106	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...
Calumet	J. J. Yost.....	500	75	575	500	75	575	...	46	46	8	8	625	15	...	...	80	30	...
Cloverdale	A. T. Gosling.....	400	400	800	375	400	775	...	30	30	4	4	409	12	...	...	40	25	...
Cooper	R. M. Cottrell.....	375	50	425	375	50	425	...	44	44	4	4	603	21	...	...	116	29	...
Detroit	M. J. Brownell.....	350	50	400	350	50	400	...	28	28	3	3	381	17	...	...	35	35	...
Douglas and Saugatuck	C. H. Anderson.....	650	60	710	650	60	710	...	56	56	5	5	767	10	...	...	75	60	...
Fennville	Louis Blanchett.....	700	100	800	646	100	746	...	49	49	6	6	788	10	...	...	175	45	...
Fulton	T. G. R. Brownlow.....	575	75	650	550	75	625	...	52	52	9	9	686	45	...	...	195	55	...
Galesburg	P. B. Replinger.....	500	75	575	500	75	575	...	48	48	9	9	632	25	...	...	100	50	...
Ganges	J. B. Featling.....	700	75	775	700	75	775	...	62	62	12	12	847	38	...	...	125	60	...
Glen and Casco	Thomas Laity.....	707	95	802	707	95	802	...	64	64	6	6	871	30	...	...	160	95	...
Globoville	W. A. Robinson.....	445	50	495	445	50	495	...	40	40	3	3	538	18	...	...	63	62	...
Kalamazoo, East Ave.	S. W. Irwin.....	700	700	1,400	700	700	1,400	...	56	56	9	9	756	9	...	...	60	43	...
"	W. M. Puifer.....	1,900	.....	1,900	1,900	.....	1,900	...	187	187	40	40	2,120	155	...	...	1,600	295	...
"	A. M. Gould.....	208	.....	208	208	.....	208	...	16	16	3	3	227	9	...	...	20	60	...
Kendall	E. B. Pinckard.....	1,000	25	1,025	1,000	25	1,025	...	80	80	13	13	1,149	68	...	...	235	85	...
Lacota	W. K. Kitzmiller.....	500	50	550	500	50	550	...	21	21	3	3	327	11	...	...	73	27	...
Marion	A. W. Burns.....	600	75	675	600	75	675	...	54	54	6	6	698	27	...	...	150	75	...
Mendon	F. W. Haast.....	800	50	850	800	50	850	...	70	70	17	17	982	37	...	...	236	70	...
Monterey	F. C. Dorris.....	525	50	575	525	50	575	...	46	46	5	5	524	22	...	...	100	60	...
Ostosno	F. A. Lendrum.....	650	100	750	650	100	750	...	56	56	5	5	761	21	...	...	110	60	...
Ostosno, First Church	H. D. Skinner.....	850	100	950	850	100	950	...	74	74	15	15	1,039	59	...	...	175	75	...
Ostosno, DeVinney	C. DeVinney.....	400	35	435	400	35	435	...	36	36	5	5	432	31	...	...	150	44	...
Parkfield	F. S. Ford.....	600	50	650	600	50	650	...	52	52	1	1	709	34	...	...	33	80	...
Pennfield	W. A. Taylor.....	800	50	850	800	50	850	...	68	68	14	14	822	40	...	...	255	50	...
Plainwell	L. P. Richtmyer.....	600	100	700	506	100	606	...	56	56	9	9	661	31	...	...	60	32	...
Richland	G. V. Falls.....	500	75	575	500	75	575	...	45	45	6	6	627	22	...	...	100	45	...
Schoolcraft	W. H. Wright.....	300	50	350	300	50	350	...	52	52	8	8	707	7	...	...	150	50	...
Schoolcraft, Wright	O. Bostwick.....	400	40	440	400	40	440	...	18	18	4	4	655	27	...	...	117	108	...
Scotts	E. M. Clough.....	1,050	150	1,200	1,050	150	1,200	...	51	51	7	7	1,306	50	...	...	250	85	...
South Haven	F. M. Taylor.....	500	50	550	500	50	550	...	44	44	6	6	594	15	...	...	118	35	...
Towbridge	W. F. Baldwin.....	500	50	550	500	50	550	...	54	54	42	42	768	15	...	...	100	50	...
Vicksburg	W. I. Elmer.....	650	75	725	650	75	725	...	54	54	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		\$28,541	\$2,648	\$31,189	\$28,545	\$2,648	\$31,083	\$192	\$2,471	\$2,448	\$373	\$301	\$33,942	\$133	\$21	\$1,334	\$7,549	\$2,816			

Statistics No. 4, Kalamazoo District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS																													
		Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Soc.	Education			Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Society	Total Other Benevolent Society	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Century													
		Church	Sunday School	Total					Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	American Bible Society																				
\$	105	\$	20	\$	125	\$	5	\$	3	\$	2	\$	5	\$	13	\$	3	\$	2	\$	4	\$	39	\$	12	\$	32	\$	Twenty		
Allegan	18	55	5	60	12	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	60	18	Twenty		
Athens	60	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	Twenty		
Augusta	60	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	Twenty		
Indian Mission	60	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	10	60	60	Twenty		
Banfield	63	17	80	2	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	80	63	Twenty		
Battle Creek, First Church	50	500	500	20	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	520	50	Twenty		
Battle Creek, Maple Street	160	40	200	20	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	220	160	Twenty		
Battle Creek, Upton Avenue	77	48	125	20	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	145	77	Twenty		
Bellevue	60	40	100	10	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	110	60	Twenty		
Bloomington	80	3	83	5	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	88	80	Twenty		
Bradley Indian Mission	60	10	70	5	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	Twenty		
Climax	60	10	70	5	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	Twenty		
Cloverdale	60	10	70	5	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	Twenty		
Comstock	37	3	40	1	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	41	37	Twenty		
Cooper	45	4	49	8	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	53	45	Twenty		
Delton	35	4	39	4	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	43	35	Twenty		
Douglas and Saugatuck	40	4	44	1	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	45	40	Twenty		
Fennville	28	2	30	1	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	31	28	Twenty		
Fulton	130	25	155	19	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	174	130	Twenty		
Galesburg	82	8	90	9	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	99	82	Twenty		
Ganges	115	35	150	25	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	175	115	Twenty		
Glenn and Casco	18	52	70	12	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	82	18	Twenty		
Gobleville	23	12	35	6	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	41	23	Twenty		
" East Ave.	47	31	78			47	78	47	78	47	78	47	78	47	78	47	78	47	78	47	78	47	78	47	78	47	78	47	Twenty		
Kalamazoo, First Church	580	352	932	100	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	1,032	580	Twenty		
" Milwood	24	6	30	6	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	36	24	Twenty		
" Simpson	140	42	182	24	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	206	140	Twenty		
Kendall	20	10	30			20	30	20	30	20	30	20	30	20	30	20	30	20	30	20	30	20	30	20	30	20	30	20	Twenty		
Lacota	40	10	50	9	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	59	40	Twenty		
Martin	128	32	160	10	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	170	128	Twenty		
Mendon	54	22	76	16	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	92	54	Twenty		
Monterey	38	4	42	5	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	47	38	Twenty		
Ostemo	39	16	55	3	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	58	39	Twenty		
Oregon	70	95	165	20	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	185	70	Twenty		
Parkville	40	3	43	5	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	48	40	Twenty		
Pennfield	55	25	80	6	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	86	55	Twenty		
Plainwell	80	20	100	2	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	102	80	Twenty		
Prairieville	56	5	61	10	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	71	56	Twenty		
Richland	30	35	65	12	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	77	30	Twenty		
Schoolcraft	73	17	90	2	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	92	73	Twenty		
Scotts	30	10	40	4	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	44	30	Twenty		
Sonoma	63	12	75	10	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	85	63	Twenty		
South Haven	140	71	211	14	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	225	140	Twenty		
Trowbridge	40	30	70	5	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	75	40	Twenty		
Vicksburg	60	10	70	5	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	75	60	Twenty		
\$	3,588	\$	1,225	\$	4,813	\$	466	\$	126	\$	80	\$	386	\$	1,260	\$	244	\$	125	\$	1,438	\$	941	\$	175	\$	226	\$	1,931	\$	\$4,756

NAME OF CHARGE	Church Membership			Bap- tisms		Sunday Schools				Church Property							Epworth League				Total Amount Raised for All Pur- poses on the Charge		
	No. of Probationers	Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children	No. of Adults	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable	No. of	Probable	Paid for b'ld'g and improv'ng Churches and Parsonages	Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Chapters	No. of Members	Members of Church	No. Chapters		No. Members	No. Junior League
											Value	Parsonages	Value	Parsonages	Paid on Old	Indebtedness on Church Property	No. who are	No. Junior League					
Alma	17	185	1	1	1	1	20	225	1	\$11,000	1	\$305	\$212	150	1	55	50	2	40	1,987			
Asuley	48	143	1	2	2	2	35	195	3	4,600	1	\$600	47	50	2	50	45	2	40	1,261			
Bath	7	115	1	6	1	1	25	130	3	3,700	1	800	340	35	500	1	44	25	1	65	1,371		
Belding	18	272	1	1	6	6	26	263	2	7,000	1	1,000	175	35	500	1	125	115	1	12	1,718		
Berlin	4	71	1	1	1	1	13	40	1	1,500	1	1,000	725	30	400	1	25	20	1	1	1,197		
Breckenridge	6	210	2	3	2	2	37	154	3	4,000	1	1,800	115	30	50	3	82	40	1	1	982		
Carson City	5	275	1	4	2	2	28	225	2	6,000	1	1,500	500	30	50	1	29	27	1	25	1,921		
Crystal	5	50	1	1	4	2	20	150	3	5,000	1	85	30	500	50	1	29	27	1	25	817		
Danby	2	78	1	1	2	2	19	114	2	3,000	1	600	10	80	602						602		
Delta	16	149	2	2	1	1	42	235	4	7,500	1	1,800	125	50	800	1	21	21	1	30	832		
DuPlain	2	120	1	1	1	1	25	200	2	2,200	1	600	125	800	1	60	35	1	30	1,522			
Eagle	3	81	1	1	1	1	12	81	1	1,500	1	600	85	2	90	2	90	60	1	20	1,151		
Elm Hall	6	69	1	1	3	3	32	113	3	2,200	1	1,000	117	115	1	34	34	1	39	870			
Elsie	1	221	1	1	1	1	20	181	1	4,300	1	1,300	70	125	115	3	76	50	1	38	1,583		
Emerson	14	106	1	1	2	14	34	230	3	3,600	1	300	70	125	115	3	65	65	1	38	898		
Fowler	7	135	2	2	2	2	16	175	1	5,000	1	2,000	145	20	20	1	80	35	1	65	1,456		
Grand Ledge	2	80	1	1	2	2	30	160	3	3,000	1	600	40	200	908	1	33	21	1	30	977		
Gresham	10	465	4	4	5	6	36	368	2	8,000	1	2,000	200	25	1,100	1	85	85	1	32	1,958		
Hubbardston	12	247	3	3	1	2	26	226	2	5,000	1	800	50	40	40	1	54	70	1	32	658		
Ithaca	10	111	3	3	1	1	51	742	1	50,000	1	5,000	446	110	1	175	170	1	50	5,624			
Lyons	27	900	2	2	5	8	19	150	3	6,000	1	1,000	117	65	110	1	96	75	1	30	1,949		
Lansing, Central	15	170	9	5	5	12	43	273	3	6,000	1	2,500	300	50	300	1	80	38	1	35	2,622		
Lansing, First	27	262	2	2	5	25	18	253	2	1,700	1	800	23	25	275	2	60	58	1	40	2,593		
Maple Rapids	8	317	1	1	1	1	15	189	2	1,700	1	800	23	25	275	2	26	14	1	40	818		
Mason	44	127	1	1	2	12	22	175	2	8,000	1	700	170	20	50	2	30	30	1	40	1,590		
Middleton and Sethton	23	203	1	1	2	3	40	280	2	3,000	1	2,500	500	30	1,000	1	36	30	1	40	900		
Nashville	10	135	1	1	2	3	34	276	1	15,000	1	700	50	50	50	1	55	42	1	30	2,722		
Okemos	2	150	1	2	2	2	30	170	2	4,000	1	700	50	50	50	1	36	30	1	40	1,375		
Ovid	7	123	1	2	6	15	25	187	3	3,200	1	600	100	100	100	2	140	100	1	34	2,322		
Orange	25	175	1	2	15	15	18	90	2	3,700	1	700	750	100	100	2	104	100	1	34	1,642		
Palo	6	198	1	1	7	9	31	315	3	6,000	1	1,000	102	100	100	1	140	92	1	34	2,322		
Perrinton	30	200	1	1	7	9	18	200	1	2,000	1	1,000	102	100	100	1	140	92	1	34	2,322		
Portland	8	350	1	1	5	5	33	147	2	6,500	1	1,000	25	25	25	1	79	70	1	18	1,393		
Pottsville	5	165	1	1	2	2	40	387	1	22,500	1	2,500	200	200	200	1	83	71	1	38	4,858		
St. Johns	21	350	2	2	4	23	29	185	2	5,000	1	600	600	165	165	1	58	50	1	25	1,546		
St. Louis	3	254	2	6	12	18	32	171	3	6,700	1	1,200	150	30	30	2	86	73	1	25	2,997		
St. Michaels	5	169	1	1	6	4	34	178	3	4,900	1	1,200	150	30	30	2	107	65	1	25	1,423		
Sheridan	6	167	1	1	6	4	34	178	3	4,900	1	1,200	150	30	30	2	107	65	1	25	1,423		
Shepardsville	13	140	2	2	13	13	34	178	3	4,900	1	1,200	150	30	30	2	107	65	1	25	1,423		
Smyrna	13	140	2	2	13	13	34	178	3	4,900	1	1,200	150	30	30	2	107	65	1	25	1,423		
Sunfield	4	204	1	1	2	2	30	190	3	5,800	1	1,200	130	30	45	1	76	52	1	55	1,580		
Vernontville	2	82	3	3	2	2	12	75	1	1,300	1	600	226	185	185	1	54	47	1	55	1,043		
Wacona	7	107	1	1	1	1	18	160	2	5,100	1	650	175	760	90	2	60	20	1	20	1,871		
Woodland	7	107	1	1	1	1	18	160	2	5,100	1	650	175	760	90	2	60	20	1	20	1,871		
	503	8322	30	100	108	201	85	1177	8819	87	\$31,6225	36	\$44,751	\$6,312	\$2,208	\$4,820	53	2,552	2,010	25	806	75,217	

Statistics No. 3, Lansing District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE		NAME OF PASTOR										Pastor's Support				Support of Presiding Elders				Support of Bishops				Conference Claimants		Current Expenses								
												Claims		Receipts		Deficiencies		Amount		Amount		Amount		Collect'ns				Other Sources		Total				
												Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Total	House Rent	Total	Appor.	Paid	Appor.	Paid	Appor.			Total Support Pastors, Elders and Bishops	Collect'ns	Other Sources	Total			
Alma	Ashtley	J. R. Wooton.	900	.....	900	.....	900	.....	900	.....	900	.....	900	.....	900	.....	61	.....	61	.....	9	.....	5	.....	966	.....	26	.....	\$	250	\$ 100			
Bath	Belding	A. T. Cartland.	575	75	650	.....	650	.....	575	75	650	.....	575	75	650	.....	42	.....	42	.....	6	.....	4	.....	696	.....	30	.....	36	.....	175	30	75	60
Berlin	Breckenridge	N. W. Weston.	350	.....	350	.....	350	.....	287	.....	350	.....	287	.....	350	.....	23	.....	23	.....	3	.....	1	.....	311	.....	18	.....	18	.....	138	30	20	125
Carson City	Crystal	I. S. Valentine.	500	60	560	.....	560	.....	500	60	560	.....	500	60	560	.....	38	.....	38	.....	12	.....	4	.....	602	.....	33	.....	33	.....	138	37	20	125
Danby	Dewitt	N. F. Jenkins.	900	100	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	900	100	1,000	.....	900	100	1,000	.....	67	.....	67	.....	13	.....	13	.....	1,080	.....	53	.....	53	.....	243	85	85	50
Duplain	Eagle	D. A. Hood.	300	.....	300	.....	300	.....	232	.....	300	.....	232	.....	300	.....	20	.....	20	.....	3	.....	2	.....	234	.....	4	.....	4	.....	11	75	40	50
Elm Hall	Emerson	W. H. Myer.	380	.....	380	.....	380	.....	315	.....	380	.....	315	.....	380	.....	24	.....	24	.....	4	.....	2	.....	327	.....	11	.....	11	.....	19	133	40	130
Fowler	Grand Ledge	N. M. Barnes.	450	50	500	.....	500	.....	435	50	485	.....	435	50	485	.....	34	.....	34	.....	4	.....	7	.....	735	.....	38	.....	38	.....	210	130	75	130
Hubbardston	Ionia	S. B. Ford.	600	75	675	.....	675	.....	550	50	600	.....	550	50	600	.....	46	.....	46	.....	6	.....	3	.....	643	.....	34	.....	34	.....	34	100	75	34
Middleton and Sethton	Nashville	C. T. VanAntwerp.	420	.....	420	.....	420	.....	425	.....	420	.....	425	.....	420	.....	28	.....	28	.....	3	.....	3	.....	456	.....	10	.....	10	.....	12	85	34	34
Okemos	Orleans	H. E. Wylie.	750	100	850	.....	850	.....	750	100	850	.....	750	100	850	.....	34	.....	34	.....	54	.....	11	.....	912	.....	35	.....	35	.....	10	35	14	90
Palo	Perrinton	A. A. Stephens.	375	25	400	.....	400	.....	360	25	385	.....	360	25	385	.....	26	.....	26	.....	5	.....	5	.....	401	.....	5	.....	5	.....	100	120	100	120
Portland	Pottsville	Don O. Colegrove.	700	150	850	.....	850	.....	700	150	850	.....	700	150	850	.....	57	.....	57	.....	10	.....	5	.....	912	.....	17	.....	17	.....	96	85	85	85
St. Johns	St. Louis	Isaiah Wilson.	500	50	550	.....	550	.....	500	50	550	.....	500	50	550	.....	38	.....	38	.....	4	.....	4	.....	592	.....	24	.....	24	.....	24	90	80	80
Sherridan	Shepardsville	D. M. Ward.	1,500	.....	1,500	.....	1,500	.....	1,400	.....	1,500	.....	1,400	.....	1,500	.....	31	.....	31	.....	3	.....	3	.....	494	.....	20	.....	20	.....	126	150	150	150
Smyrna	Sunfield	N. C. Cook.	850	150	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	850	150	1,000	.....	850	150	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	22	.....	22	.....	1,635	.....	112	.....	112	.....	1,200	180	180	180
Vermontville	Wacousta	N. K. Woods.	625	60	685	.....	685	.....	600	.....	685	.....	600	.....	685	.....	46	.....	46	.....	6	.....	6	.....	885	.....	3	.....	3	.....	32	185	93	93
Woodland	Woodland	W. A. Frye.	1,500	300	1,800	.....	1,800	.....	1,500	300	1,800	.....	1,500	300	1,800	.....	121	.....	121	.....	43	.....	40	.....	1,961	.....	220	.....	220	.....	2,150	226	226	226
		W. A. Frye.	700	125	825	.....	825	.....	700	125	825	.....	700	125	825	.....	52	.....	52	.....	7	.....	7	.....	877	.....	38	.....	38	.....	191	80	80	80
		J. E. Foote.	925	75	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	925	75	1,000	.....	925	75	1,000	.....	67	.....	67	.....	14	.....	10	.....	1,077	.....	50	.....	50	.....	200	180	175	175
		W. J. Wilson.	1,075	125	1,200	.....	1,200	.....	1,075	125	1,200	.....	1,075	125	1,200	.....	81	.....	81	.....	12	.....	3	.....	1,284	.....	30	.....	30	.....	380	180	175	175
		W. H. W. Webster.	500	.....	500	.....	500	.....	500	.....	500	.....	500	.....	500	.....	34	.....	34	.....	5	.....	5	.....	589	.....	26	.....	26	.....	150	55	55	55
		Albert Smith.	775	75	850	.....	850	.....	775	75	850	.....	775	75	850	.....	52	.....	52	.....	9	.....	9	.....	839	.....	30	.....	30	.....	200	109	109	109
		J. H. Hoover.	465	50	515	.....	515	.....	445	50	495	.....	445	50	495	.....	32	.....	32	.....	6	.....	5	.....	532	.....	20	.....	20	.....	130	150	150	150
		A. T. Luther.	1,000	100	1,100	.....	1,100	.....	1,000	100	1,100	.....	1,000	100	1,100	.....	74	.....	74	.....	17	.....	10	.....	1,184	.....	70	.....	70	.....	390	135	135	135
		A. E. North.	650	50	700	.....	700	.....	650	50	700	.....	650	50	700	.....	47	.....	47	.....	6	.....	6	.....	753	.....	51	.....	51	.....	130	150	150	150
		J. W. Buell.	550	50	600	.....	600	.....	550	50	600	.....	550	50	600	.....	40	.....	40	.....	10	.....	10	.....	650	.....	52	.....	52	.....	150	77	77	77
		C. Dietrick.	600	50	650	.....	650	.....	600	50	650	.....	600	50	650	.....	44	.....	44	.....	3	.....	2	.....	706	.....	21	.....	21	.....	110	100	100	100
		L. B. Kenyon.	700	90	790	.....	790	.....	700	90	790	.....	700	90	790	.....	53	.....	53	.....	10	.....	5	.....	848	.....	50	.....	50	.....	300	80	80	80
		G. A. Buell.	900	150	1,050	.....	1,050	.....	900	150	1,050	.....	900	150	1,050	.....	70	.....	70	.....	20	.....	10	.....	1,130	.....	40	.....	40	.....	46	200	200	200
		O. J. Golden.	700	100	800	.....	800	.....	700	100	800	.....	700	100	800	.....	54	.....	54	.....	3	.....	3	.....	857	.....	20	.....	20	.....	510	210	210	210
		R. S. McGregor.	1,200	150	1,350	.....	1,350	.....	1,200	150	1,350	.....	1,200	150	1,350	.....	91	.....	91	.....	19	.....	10	.....	1,451	.....	45	.....	45	.....	500	80	80	80
		S. C. Robinson.	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	1,000	.....	67	.....	67	.....	5	.....	5	.....	1,072	.....	25	.....	25	.....	175	80	80	80
		Alfred Way.	665	50	715	.....	715	.....	665	50	715	.....	665	50	715	.....	48	.....	48	.....	7	.....	7	.....	770	.....	35	.....	35	.....	56	125	125	125
		W. A. Exner.	650	50	700	.....	700	.....	650	50	700	.....	650	50	700	.....	47	.....	47	.....	7	.....	7	.....	754	.....	41	.....	41	.....	90	71	71	71
		C. M. Loomis.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		I. T. Weldon.	700	75	775	.....	775	.....	700	75	775	.....	700	75	775	.....	52	.....	52	.....	8	.....	5	.....	832	.....	45	.....	45	.....	120	85	85	85
		W. P. Mosher.	700	75	775	.....	775	.....	700	75	775	.....	700	75	775	.....	52	.....	52	.....	10	.....	10	.....	837	.....	51	.....	51	.....	157	108	108	108
		Willard Aldrich.	500	60	560	.....	560	.....	500	60	560	.....	500	60	560	.....	37	.....	37	.....	5	.....	5	.....	549	.....	28	.....	28	.....	65	35	35	35
		A. W. Simmons.	500	60	560	.....	560	.....	500	60	560	.....	500	60	560	.....	38	.....	38	.....	6	.....	6	.....	604	.....	27	.....	27	.....	90	76	76	76
												\$ 30,420	\$ 2,965	\$ 33,385	\$ 29,871	\$ 2,965	\$ 52,836	\$ 4,433	\$ 2,222	\$ 2,208	\$ 309	\$ 289	\$ 57	\$ 1,623	\$ 9,149	\$ 3,881								

NAME OF CHARGE										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS												
Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Soc.	Education			Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conferences	Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Twentieth Century					
Church	Sunday School	Total					Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	American Bible Society													
Alma	\$ 30	\$ 80	\$ 130	\$ 9	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 11	\$ 38		\$ 3	\$ 26	\$ 5	\$ 75						
Ashley	67	18	85	66	8	1	1	1	1	8	1		5	36	4							
Bath	52	14	66	70	10	1	1	1	1	8	1		5	30	6	50						
Belding	30	40	70	35	5	1	1	1	1	4	3		1	18	1	4						
Berlin	26	9	35	5	1	1	1	1	1	4	3		1	33	4							
Breckenridge	80	7	87	2	2	2	2	2	2	19	70		13	53	13	13						
Carson City	120	64	184	29	4	3	19	41	9	4	26		13	53	13	13						
Crystal	6	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	11	2	5						
Danby	25	25	50	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	1		2	11	2	5						
Delta	37	4	41	8	2	1	5	11	2	1	2		4	19	4							
Dewitt	65	20	85	16	3	3	11	20	5	5	40		8	38	7	66						
Duplain	82	10	92	5	3	1	5	5	3	5	53		3	34	3	10						
Eagle	35	5	40	3	1	1	5	10	3	2	1		2	12	2	10						
Elm Hall	20	9	29	5	1	1	5	5	2	1	82		3	35	8	41						
Elsie	111	9	120	7	1	1	2	16	2	1	1		5	41	5	23						
Emerson	28	2	30	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1		1	5	1	58						
Fowler	46	35	81	5	1	1	4	15	4	9	10		17	17	5	1						
Grand Ledge	40	25	65	12	2	2	12	9	3	3	3		4	24	3	1						
Gresham	20	18	38	7	1	1	4	7	1	2	20		3	20	3							
Hubbardston	174	95	269	46	10	8	21	27	15	10	42		20	112	22							
Ionia	116	30	146	14	3	2	10	51	5	3	90		10	32	6							
Ithaca	15	10	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6		21	10	6	210						
Lyons	365	200	565	80	21	10	62	171	50	20	190		30	220	40	1,371						
Lansing, Central	60	4	64	10	4	2	10	15	5	3	37		7	38	7	1,111						
Lansing, First	135	25	160	10	4	2	10	22	10	5	65		10	50	10	565						
Maple Rapids	170	30	200	10	2	1	10	70	5	3	107		2	30	3	64						
Mason	59	3	62	59	1	1	6	3	3	3	5		5	26	5							
Middleton and Sethon	57	43	100	15	2	2	10	50	6	2	50		5	30	9							
Nashville	35	5	40	0	1	1	5	3	2	2	2		5	30	9	82						
Okemos	136	50	206	10	3	25	71	12	14	97	45		8	70	10	96						
Ovid	180	40	220	40	3	2	9	12	4	3	64		6	51	6							
Orange	76	40	116	21	5	4	14	21	7	5	33		9	52	10	368						
Orleans	52	10	62	3	1	1	3	3	2	2	13		13	21	2	600						
Palo	64	50	114	13	4	2	14	25	15	11	16		4	50	5							
Perrinton	126	56	182	12	2	2	14	25	15	10	2		8	40	10	178						
Potterville	32	18	50	1	1	1	3	5	3	3	55		73	20	3	75						
St. Johns	162	58	220	5	1	1	5	70	8	2	55		45	20	3	2,000						
St. Louis	65	16	81	5	3	2	20	5	5	4	45		4	25	5	16						
Sheridan	79	17	96	15	3	2	10	14	5	3	27		7	35	7	925						
Shepardsville	70	30	100	16	4	3	11	16	10	4	111		7	41	7							
Smyrna	70	90	160	10	4	2	11	25	5	4	17		7	45	5	25						
Sunfield	104	20	124	21	5	3	14	44	10	5	42		9	51	10	25						
Vernontville	49	14	63	11	1	2	7	12	6	3	29		5	28	5							
Wacousta	57	4	61	7	3	2	7	15	4	2	14		5	27	6							
Woodland																						
			\$ 3,418	\$ 1,315	\$ 4,733	\$ 536	\$ 131	\$ 88	\$ 428	\$ 936	\$ 285	\$ 147	\$ 1,550	\$ 770	\$ 564	\$ 227	\$ 1,617	\$ 292	\$ 7,087			

Statistics No. 1, Niles District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE	Church Membership				Bap- tisms		Sunday Schools			Church Property							Epworth League				Total Amount Raised for All Pur- poses on the Charge		
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children	No. of Adults	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for b'ld'g and improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Chapters	No. who are Members of Church	No. Chapters Junior League	No. Members Junior League			
Bangor	9	130	1	2	3	1	1	16	127	1	\$ 3,000	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	.....	2,000	.....	1	44	26	2	34	\$ 1,594
Benton Harbor	6	420	1	4	2	.....	1	28	350	3	15,500	1	3,000	275	.....	2,000	.....	2	125	1	37	1,328	
Berrien Springs	3	183	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	54	228	3	3,450	1	1,000	90	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,328	
Breedsville	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	11	60	1	2,300	.....	.....	10	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	750	
Bronson	.....	112	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	23	103	2	5,000	1	600	132	.....	198	.....	1	35	20	.....	747	
Buchanan	5	144	.....	6	.....	4	1	21	200	1	2,500	1	1,500	15	.....	450	.....	1	47	38	1	30	1,352
Burr Oak	1	162	1	2	.....	.....	1	12	80	2	4,500	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	28	.....	750	
Cassopolis	17	140	1	3	.....	.....	2	18	100	2	6,500	1	2,000	45	.....	.....	.....	2	30	22	1	20	944
Centerville	11	144	1	2	7	.....	3	26	170	2	5,500	1	1,600	1,130	.....	.....	.....	2	90	50	.....	2,641	
Coldwater	8	572	2	6	.....	.....	3	40	400	1	15,000	1	3,200	700	250	1,200	.....	1	131	110	1	35	4,304
Coloma and Watervliet	6	152	.....	.....	4	1	2	4	45	250	5,000	1	1,500	147	.....	.....	.....	2	100	.....	.....	1,946	
Colon	15	160	.....	2	.....	.....	1	15	180	1	4,500	1	1,500	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,946	
Constantine	13	199	1	2	.....	.....	2	28	154	2	11,000	1	700	25	.....	130	.....	1	25	21	.....	1,267	
Decatur	7	164	1	.....	.....	.....	1	16	134	1	2,500	1	1,500	15	.....	.....	.....	1	67	57	.....	1,388	
Dowagiac	6	177	1	4	.....	.....	4	25	210	1	3,000	1	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	35	1	17	1,267
Edwardsburg	6	145	.....	.....	5	7	2	28	120	2	7,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40	35	1	17	1,586
Galein	.....	84	.....	1	.....	3	3	36	180	3	3,800	1	1,000	70	.....	.....	.....	2	70	52	1	35	886
Gilead	10	110	.....	.....	2	.....	3	20	85	3	5,000	1	1,000	15	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,318
Girard	6	138	.....	3	.....	.....	4	33	180	1	5,000	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	637
Harford	6	160	.....	1	.....	14	1	14	140	1	3,500	1	600	.....	120	.....	.....	1	50	40	1	30	907
Kinderhook	5	100	.....	1	.....	2	2	16	120	1	1,800	1	800	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,217
Keeler and Silver Creek	9	120	1	.....	1	2	2	20	130	3	4,000	1	1,200	140	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	767
Lawrence	10	122	.....	2	7	5	3	24	140	1	4,000	2	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lawton	2	122	.....	2	.....	.....	1	27	140	1	2,500	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leonidas and Sherwood	8	140	1	4	1	1	3	30	125	2	8,000	.....	1,500	110	28	.....	.....	1	30	30	.....	.....	1,316
Marcellus	6	280	1	4	1	12	11	37	240	3	5,000	1	500	200	.....	.....	.....	1	26	15	.....	.....	1,018
Mattawan	2	135	1	4	1	2	3	33	233	3	5,000	1	750	60	.....	.....	.....	2	80	65	1	35	1,402
New Buffalo	2	125	2	1	.....	.....	4	28	168	3	3,800	1	1,500	150	.....	.....	.....	3	110	88	.....	.....	961
Niles	60	357	2	3	15	27	2	40	460	2	13,000	1	3,000	30	400	345	.....	1	25	15	.....	.....	1,119
Paw Paw	2	161	.....	3	.....	13	1	17	150	1	13,000	1	1,500	75	.....	.....	.....	1	100	75	1	35	3,114
Pipestone	27	102	.....	3	.....	15	3	32	200	3	5,500	1	1,200	110	.....	.....	.....	1	55	49	1	43	1,351
Pokagon	10	185	.....	3	3	10	6	30	240	5	5,500	1	1,000	200	.....	.....	.....	1	40	20	.....	.....	1,269
St. Joseph	10	225	.....	2	25	10	1	30	400	1	15,000	1	3,000	75	.....	.....	.....	3	60	30	.....	.....	1,500
Stevensville	1	130	.....	2	.....	.....	4	30	800	3	4,250	1	1,400	325	.....	.....	.....	1	90	75	1	80	2,050
Sturgis	17	212	.....	.....	7	2	1	16	125	1	4,500	1	1,500	165	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Three Oaks	9	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16	100	1	2,000	.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	44	40	1	20	2,852
Three Rivers	11	240	1	3	9	.....	1	27	400	1	20,000	1	3,000	200	.....	.....	.....	1	43	35	1	25	2,852
Union City	6	173	.....	2	.....	.....	1	19	208	1	7,500	1	5,000	80	.....	.....	.....	1	120	70	1	60	2,909
Vandalia	3	130	.....	1	.....	3	1	35	165	4	5,600	1	600	170	100	.....	.....	1	54	50	.....	.....	1,566
White Pigeon	15	193	1	.....	1	8	3	27	240	3	7,450	1	800	28	25	24	.....	1	33	28	1	22	1,326
	355	6,813	20	85	115	161	86	1,043	7,741	77	\$240 650	34	\$54,550	\$ 5,842	\$ 1,300	\$ 6,158	44	2,024	1,417	17	558	\$57,283	

Statistics No. 3, Niles District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF CHARGE		NAME OF PASTOR																		
		Claims			Receipts			Pastor's Support				Support of Presiding Elders		Support of Bishops		Conference Claimants		Current Expenses		
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total	Deficiencies	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Paid	Amount	Apport.	Amount	Collected.	Rec'd Fr.	Other Sources	Total	Church	Sunday School
Bangor	W. H. Parsons	\$ 600	\$ 100	\$ 700	\$ 600	\$ 100	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 38	\$ 38	\$ 741	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 741	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 90	\$ 46	\$ 46	\$ 46
Benton Harbor	W. I. Cogshall	1,300	300	1,600	1,300	300	1,600	1,600	100	100	1,712	50	50	1,712	50	50	350	200	550	550
Berrien Springs	E. T. Newell	700	100	800	690	100	790	790	10	10	848	35	35	848	35	35	175	104	85	85
Breedsville	J. B. Tallman	400	75	475	400	75	475	475	18	18	493	10	10	493	10	10	46	24	3	3
Bronson	Irving Eagle	700	150	850	700	150	850	850	35	35	885	6	6	885	6	6	10	28	10	10
Buchanan	W. J. Douglas	700	150	850	700	150	850	850	57	57	907	7	7	907	7	7	113	131	15	15
Burr Oak	George E. Pooler	550	100	650	550	100	650	650	30	30	680	2	2	680	2	2	8	75	8	8
Cassopolis	L. E. Sinclair	700	100	800	700	100	800	800	50	50	850	5	5	850	5	5	20	65	35	35
Centerville	J. C. Newcomer	700	75	775	700	75	775	775	50	50	825	5	5	825	5	5	170	90	170	170
Coldwater	L. E. Lennox	1,300	200	1,500	1,300	200	1,500	1,500	120	120	1,620	15	15	1,620	15	15	100	112	1,000	1,000
Coloma and Watervliet	W. H. Thompson	750	100	850	750	100	850	850	56	56	906	25	25	906	25	25	130	105	25	25
Colon	A. N. Eldred	600	100	700	600	100	700	700	44	44	744	3	3	744	3	3	93	75	22	22
Constantine	J. C. Upton	750	100	850	750	100	850	850	52	52	902	10	10	902	10	10	175	62	15	15
Decatur	L. H. Manning	600	150	750	600	150	750	750	46	46	796	7	7	796	7	7	155	100	12	12
Dowagiac	H. L. Potter	900	200	1,100	900	200	1,100	1,100	60	60	1,160	5	5	1,160	5	5	120	65	50	50
Edwardsburg	W. H. Moore	600	100	700	600	100	700	700	40	40	740	5	5	740	5	5	90	36	20	20
Galein	J. W. Reynolds	500	75	575	500	75	575	575	28	28	603	2	2	603	2	2	15	48	15	15
Gilead	J. N. Dayton	400	75	475	400	75	475	475	28	28	503	15	15	503	15	15	55	48	15	15
Girard	C. W. Gosling	600	100	700	600	100	700	700	44	44	744	6	6	744	6	6	82	70	20	20
Glennwood	George F. Craig	700	700	1,400	700	700	1,400	1,400	40	40	1,440	2	2	1,440	2	2	100	100	15	15
Hartford	J. Gulick	500	75	575	500	75	575	575	38	38	613	25	25	613	25	25	75	40	25	25
Kinderhook	Parmenter Smith	575	50	625	575	50	625	625	40	40	665	5	5	665	5	5	130	40	19	19
Keeler and Silver Creek	H. R. Lyons	610	100	710	610	100	710	710	40	40	750	2	2	750	2	2	100	60	100	100
Lawrence	Edwin Tench	600	100	700	600	100	700	700	46	46	746	7	7	746	7	7	26	100	6	6
Lawton	Quinton Walker	825	825	1,650	825	825	1,650	1,650	44	44	1,694	4	4	1,694	4	4	200	70	10	10
Leonidas and Sherwood	Arba Martin	500	120	620	500	120	620	620	54	54	674	15	15	674	15	15	200	110	200	200
Marcellus	A. W. Mumford	780	120	900	780	120	900	900	28	28	928	6	6	928	6	6	75	79	75	75
Mattawan	A. J. Morris	550	100	650	550	100	650	650	40	40	690	6	6	690	6	6	10	197	75	75
New Buffalo	E. T. Ferguson	1,100	200	1,300	1,100	200	1,300	1,300	80	80	1,380	15	15	1,380	15	15	384	178	27	27
Niles	A. O. Mather	700	100	800	700	100	800	800	47	47	847	18	18	847	18	18	197	75	75	75
Paw Paw	J. F. Bowerman	450	75	525	450	75	525	525	32	32	557	3	3	557	3	3	126	70	22	22
Pipestone	L. Beebe	650	100	750	650	100	750	750	50	50	800	8	8	800	8	8	90	40	15	15
Pokagon	W. P. French	1,200	300	1,500	1,200	300	1,500	1,500	100	100	1,600	20	20	1,600	20	20	450	125	36	36
St. Joseph	G. F. McGuire	1,150	150	1,300	1,150	150	1,300	1,300	35	35	1,335	35	35	1,335	35	35	75	100	100	100
Stevensville	L. N. Pattison	1,000	460	1,460	1,000	460	1,460	1,460	60	60	1,520	6	6	1,520	6	6	325	100	80	80
Sturgis	C. L. Keene	400	200	600	400	200	600	600	31	31	631	2	2	631	2	2	100	60	14	14
Three Oaks	R. A. Wright	1,000	150	1,150	1,000	150	1,150	1,150	78	78	1,228	12	12	1,228	12	12	600	340	70	70
Three Rivers	E. A. Baldwin	800	150	950	800	150	950	950	56	56	1,006	7	7	1,006	7	7	250	85	12	12
Union City	W. A. A. Fortner	700	75	775	700	75	775	775	40	40	815	1	1	815	1	1	125	61	84	84
Vandalia	A. J. Wheeler	800	100	900	800	100	900	900	52	52	952	2	2	952	2	2	100	64	10	10
White Pigeon																				
		\$ 21,150	\$ 4,020	\$ 25,170	\$ 26,915	\$ 4,020	\$ 30,935	\$ 2,880	\$ 1,977	\$ 1,955	\$ 190	\$ 200	\$ 33,030	\$ 1,036	\$ 592	\$ 1,068	\$ 7,176	\$ 5,434		

Statistics No. 4. Niles District, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

NAME OF CHARGE	Missions		Board of Church Extension		Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Soc.	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Century
	Church	Sunday School	Total					Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund								
Bangor	\$ 45	\$ 10	\$ 55	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$ 23	\$ 137	\$ 11	\$ 10	\$ 20	\$ 3	\$ 11
Benton Harbor	70	108	178	12	2	2	5	10	5	2	120	137	11	50	50	12	11
Berrien Springs	62	42	104	6	4	4	6	5	3	2	30	137	11	35	8	1	3
Breedsville	10	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	1	16
Bronson	13	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	1	16
Buchanan	59	26	85	3	1	1	3	1	3	1	67	.....	.....	1	13	5	.....
Burr Oak	25	5	30	5	2	2	7	2	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	2	8	2	.....
Cassopolis	24	10	34	4	1	1	4	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	6	36	5	.....
Centerville	185	40	225	12	2	2	11	73	12	4	95	51	.....	18	100	15	56
Coldwater	169	76	245	10	1	1	10	9	9	1	68	.....	.....	22	25	3	128
Coloma and Watervliet	90	10	100	5	2	2	5	6	6	3	32	.....	.....	15	15	7	.....
Colon	28	16	44	2	.....	.....	2	2	2	1	38	.....	.....	4	27	4	.....
Constantine	22	14	36	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	13	.....	.....	3	50	12	32
Decatur	60	16	76	4	2	2	12	25	5	3	160	.....	.....	20	20	5	20
Dowagiac	105	45	150	10	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	15	2	280
Edwardsburg	40	10	50	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	20	5	.....	5
Galein	18	2	20	2	1	1	2	5	6	.....	6	.....	.....	3	15	2	40
Gilead	60	5	65	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....	25	1	.....	.....
Girard	25	25	50	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	10	10	5	.....
Hartford	16	4	20	2	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	2	.....	17
Kinderhook	80	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....
Keeler and Silver Creek	45	.....	45	4	1	1	4	17	4	1	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....
Lawrence	52	3	55	4	1	1	4	10	5	1	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....
Lawton	55	4	59	4	1	1	4	10	5	1	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....
Leonidas and Sherwood	108	10	118	3	2	1	10	43	12	2	.....	.....	.....	26	5	.....	.....
Marcellus	95	30	125	5	1	1	2	15	5	1	.....	.....	.....	10	4	.....	43
Mattawan	150	.....	150	9	2	2	8	7	9	2	.....	.....	.....	40	10	.....	125
New Buffalo	60	.....	60	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	23	5	8
Niles	61	114	175	14	4	3	14	161	10	5	82	60	.....	1	10	5	.....
Paw Paw	65	15	80	5	2	1	5	31	6	2	39	.....	.....	15	75	15	16
Pipestone	32	20	52	2	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	22	3	.....
Pokagon	95	1	96	11	4	2	7	5	5	3	.....	.....	.....	5	36	6	4
St. Joseph	125	100	225	10	3	3	10	50	6	3	70	.....	.....	100	10	.....	.....
Stevensville	58	2	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sturgis	100	25	125	10	2	2	10	95	5	2	31	.....	.....	30	6	.....	.....
Three Oaks	40	10	50	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14	2	.....
Three Rivers	134	66	200	25	5	3	20	28	4	4	124	100	.....	12	70	12	.....
Union City	30	31	61	4	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	11	70	.....	12	11	1	.....
Vandalia	32	.....	32	3	1	1	2	14	2	1	.....	.....	.....	11	1	.....	.....
White Pigeon	82	16	98	5	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	52	4	.....	2	10	2	.....
	\$2,612	\$ 916	\$3,528	\$ 210	\$ 57	\$ 44	\$ 191	\$ 654	\$ 193	\$ 61	\$ 159	\$ 577	\$ 11	\$ 108	\$1,064	\$ 200	\$ 804

Statistics No. 1, Recapitulation, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools				Church Property								Epworth League				Total Amount Raised for All Purposes on the Charge
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children	No. of Adults	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers	No. of Officers and Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for bld'g and Improving Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property	No. of Chapters	No. who are Members of Church	No. Chapters	No. Members			
Albion	428	8,015	19	95	189	271	82	1,101	7,777	72	\$340,800	40	\$59,700	\$26,253	\$3,345	\$6,908	44	1,076	1,423	19	585	\$87,026	
Big Rapids	769	6,352	44	88	163	232	118	1,215	8,097	101	169,930	48	42,250	86,416	1,443	5,431	57	2,434	1,533	18	562	\$8,188	
Grand Rapids	435	7,697	18	90	144	193	100	1,246	8,696	94	312,250	40	51,000	14,558	2,918	9,625	47	2,253	1,629	20	710	89,376	
Grand Traverse	829	6,032	43	74	174	353	106	979	7,728	94	177,510	42	177,510	13,273	3,030	10,848	51	5,831	1,545	19	674	65,084	
Kalamazoo	498	6,686	22	100	116	200	76	995	6,723	66	264,600	37	45,200	14,325	2,459	1,343	37	1,996	1,440	16	632	73,978	
Lansing	503	8,322	30	100	108	201	85	1,177	8,819	87	316,220	36	44,750	6,312	2,208	4,820	53	2,592	2,010	25	806	75,217	
Niles	355	6,813	20	85	115	161	86	1,043	7,741	77	240,650	34	54,550	5,842	1,300	6,159	44	2,024	1,417	17	538	57,253	
Totals for this year	3,817	49,917	196	622	1,009	1,631	653	7,756	45,551	591	\$1,821,985	277	\$35,650	\$89,209	\$16,903	\$44,134	333	18,202	10,987	131	4,327	\$306,152	
Totals for last year	3,694	49,890	172	657	1,074	1,804	660	7,949	55,802	587	1,738,635	269	306,520	110,265	29,889	63,312	330	14,584	11,052	...	...	...
Increase	123	27	24	35	65	163	7	193	251	4	\$82,350	8	\$28,730	\$21,066	\$2,986	\$19,178	3	3,718	...	...	...
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Statistics No. 3, Recapitulation, Michigan Conference, for 1903.

NAME OF DISTRICT	NAME OF PRESIDENT ELDER			Pastor's Support				Support of Presiding Elders			Support of Bishops		Conference Claimants		Current Expenses	
	Salary	House Rent	Total	Claims	House Rent	Salary	Total	Deficiencies	Amount	Appor.	Amount	Appor.	Amount	Rec'd Fr.	Church	Sunday School
Albion	\$ 27,850	\$ 4,029	\$ 31,879	\$ 31,879	\$ 28,070	\$ 4,029	\$ 32,099	\$ 100	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,037	\$ 2,037	\$ 8,396	\$ 3,401
Big Rapids	26,510	3,297	29,807	29,807	26,525	3,297	29,822	312	1,992	1,992	1,941	320	198	918	5,154	3,342
Grand Rapids	33,498	3,898	37,396	37,396	32,987	3,913	36,900	496	2,069	2,069	2,156	397	273	1,504	10,541	4,100
Grand Traverse	25,071	3,309	28,380	28,380	24,702	3,309	28,011	838	1,656	1,656	1,211	113	113	742	4,850	2,954
Kalamazoo	28,541	2,648	31,189	31,189	28,545	2,648	31,193	192	2,471	2,471	2,448	373	301	1,334	7,549	2,816
Lansing	30,420	2,965	33,385	33,385	29,871	2,965	32,836	643	2,222	2,222	399	285	353	1,566	9,149	3,881
Niles	27,150	4,020	31,170	31,170	26,915	4,020	30,935	280	1,977	1,977	1,955	190	200	32	7,076	3,484
Totals for this year	\$199,040	\$ 24,268	\$223,306	\$223,306	\$197,615	\$ 24,181	\$221,796	\$2,861	\$14,564	\$14,564	\$14,402	\$2,190	\$1,623	\$37,701	\$32,795	\$23,998
Totals for last year	194,679	23,610	218,289	218,289	192,547	23,610	216,157	3,859	14,292	14,292	14,259	2,246	1,701	231,917	51,024	23,251
Increase	\$ 4,361	\$ 656	\$ 5,017	\$ 5,017	\$ 5,068	\$ 571	\$ 4,639	.....	\$ 272	\$ 272	\$ 143	.....	.....	\$ 46	\$ 1,771	\$ 677
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

550

Proceedings of the Lay Electoral Conference.

Jackson, Mich., Sept. 25, 1903.

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Michigan Conference was called to order in the Auditorium of the First Baptist Church, by Rev. J. T. La Gear, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Jackson, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rev. W. Russell of Quebec, Ont., was introduced and offered a brief invocation, a short address and a very earnest prayer.

Dr. Samuel Dickie was elected temporary Chairman, and W. D. Farley temporary Secretary. A motion prevailed that the Chairman appoint the following committees:

On Credentials — W. D. Sterling, C. B. Groat, A. E. Souter, F. F. Hilbert, P. A. Bennett, Judge J. M. Davis, A. Butters.

On Permanent Organization — Dr. I. S. Morris, W. Sears, C. A. French.

On Order of Business — W. P. Sidman, Dr. W. W. Root, Dr. J. D. Greenmyer.

Motion prevailed that the committee on credentials retire and prepare their report.

The greetings of the Michigan Annual Conference were presented to the Lay Conference by a committee composed of Dr. J. C. Floyd, Rev. A. A. Knapen and Rev. A. M. Gould.

On motion, Brothers Morse, Buck and Houch were made a committee to extend our greetings to the Ministerial Conference.

Remarks by Dr. Dickie relative to Albion College.

By a rising vote the Lay Conference expressed its appreciation of the labor and success of Dr. Dickie in liquidating the debt on Albion College.

Adjourned to 1 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Called to order at 1 o'clock by Chairman Dickie. Prayer by Dr. J. F. Berry.

The committee on credentials reported delegates present and entitled to seats, as follows:

Albion District	33
Big Rapids District	20
Grand Rapids District	27
Grand Traverse District	22
Kalamazoo District	28
Lansing District	26
Niles District	25
Total	181

Committee on permanent organization and order of business made the following report. We recommend:

First. That the temporary organization be made permanent.

Second. That the following shall be the order of business:

1. Report of committee on credentials.

2. Report of committee on resolutions.

3. Presentation of candidates for General Conference. Nominating speeches limited to three minutes and supporting speeches to one minute, and that the name of each candidate be written on a blackboard, as presented.

4. Appointment of six tellers.

5. That the bar of the Conference be fixed at the west side of the third window from the platform.

I. S. MORRIS, *Chairman*

WESLEY SEARS,

C. A. FRENCH.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

The Lay Conference of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby expresses its interest and deep anxiety in all that tends to the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ, and for the success of our Methodism in particular, and we hail with joy every effort which looks towards its more permanent growth and prosperity, and as among these efforts for its advancement and growth, we would speak with no uncertain sound on the following measures:

TEMPERANCE

Whereas, Recognizing, as we all must, the power of the saloon and its votaries, first, in opposing the religious work of the Church; second, in its organized effort to prevent the election of good men to office; third, against the proper enforcement of law in State and municipality, and its vigorous effort to socially ruin our young men; therefore

Resolved: That we hail any measure that will finally bring about the prohibition of the liquor traffic, endorsing the work of the Anti-Saloon League, and any other temperance organization, so far as it shall limit the power of this evil and, by agitation, produce a healthy public sentiment in favor of State and National prohibition, and that we regard it a problem hard to solve how any Christian man or woman can, either by indifference or direct aid to the saloon, discharge his duty to God or his fellows.

Resolved: That in view of the general prosperity attending all the industries of this country and of our State, we recommend that as far as it can reasonably be done, the salaries of pastors of our Churches be increased to meet the increase in the cost of the necessities of life.

ALBION COLLEGE.

Resolved: That we congratulate Albion College on its high standing among educational institutions, on its successful liquidation of its indebtedness, and its general progress under the able management of its President, Samuel Dickie.

Further, That we believe in the education of the heart as well as the mind, and recommend to parents, especially Methodists, the advantages offered by

Albion College in this respect, in selecting a college in which to educate their children.

CITIZENSHIP.

Resolved further, That we believe in a higher citizenship, one that will respect character rather than party traditions, and that will exact probity, honesty and fidelity to every trust, and heartily commend the efforts being made in enforcing the laws against any infraction of this principle.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. PAUL.

Resolved: That we, as laymen, realizing the greater need of the spirit of brotherly love that should exist among the men of our Church, and wishing to do all in our power to promote the spirit and practice of Christian brotherhood, do most cordially and earnestly commend the object and principles of the brotherhood of St. Paul as being the most effective solution of the problem yet presented, and under God's blessing, with loyal hearts and true, will prove a mighty force in winning men for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. SIDNAM,
JOHN D. GREENAMYER,
W. W. ROOT,
Committee on Resolutions.

The resolutions were adopted.

RESOLUTION BY G. A. STUDLEY.

Whereas, We believe that in some cases our Bishops use their vested powers in an arbitrary way, and

Whereas, We believe the best interests of the Church would be served by curtailing that power, therefore be it

Resolved: That we, the Lay Electoral Conference of the Methodist Conference, in session at Jackson, September 25, 1903, place ourselves on record as in favor of the enactment of the necessary legislation at the General Conference to make a two-thirds vote of the cabinet overrule any appointment of the Bishop.

Resolved: That a committee of three be appointed to draft a memorial to the General Conference asking for such legislation.

Referred to committee on resolutions. (Later in the session these resolutions were taken from the committee and adopted; G. A. Studley, C. M. Ranger and J. M. Davis being named as committee to prepare memorial.)

Nominations of candidates for election as delegates to General Conference were made. Nineteen names were presented.

Motion prevailed that the chairman appoint six tellers: George Durfee, C. A. French, L. B. Agard, W. P. Sidman, Bennett, and G. W. Griffin were appointed.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Dr. Samuel Dickie as the chairman of the Lay Delegates of the Michigan Conference to the General Conference at Los Angeles, next May.

The ballot was so cast and Samuel Dickie was elected.

The balloting then proceeded for the election of the seven remaining delegates. While the tellers were counting the ballots, Governor A. T. Bliss was

asked to take a seat on the platform, and Dr. J. F. Berry was called on for remarks. Governor Bliss addressed the Conference.

Motion prevailed that a committee of five be appointed to take up the Saranac matter, presented by Rev. Maveety, and report to this body. The committee named was as follows: Brother J. A. Mabees, Brother W. Clark, Brother J. M. Davis, Brother V. R. Davey, Brother J. J. McLaughlin.

Motion prevailed that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Michigan Lay Electoral Conference that the restrictions relative to dancing, theatre-going and card playing should remain in the Discipline.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot: Total vote cast, 175; necessary to choice, 88. The following were elected by the following numbers of votes: Mrs. Lottie E. Valentine, Breckenridge, 129 votes; Archibald Buttars, Charlevoix, 117 votes; Prof. Delos Fall, Albion, 98 votes; Wesley Sears, Jackson, 95 votes. Another ballot for three more delegates was ordered. The tellers reported the result of the second ballot: The total ballot was 159; necessary to choice, 80. No one receiving a majority of the votes, there was no election.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the three highest on the list, as voted, in the last ballot. By this motion the following were elected: William D Farley, of Battle Creek; Dr. Isaiah S. Morris, of Belding; Julius Berkey, of Grand Rapids.

Motion prevailed that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Conference for the next three highest on the list, for reserve delegates. By this motion the following were elected reserve delegates: Mrs. Frances W. Smith, of Hastings; Samuel J. Throp, of Big Rapids; Judge James M. Davis, of Kalamazoo.

Report of the committee on the Saranac case:

This committee reports that in connection with the Saranac lawsuit we raise \$300 from this Conference and at this session to defray attorney fees and expenses, leaving \$100 to be raised by some other means.

This bill has been O. K'd by Presiding Elder Graham and he became personally responsible for it, there being no source in connection with the Church from which to take money for this work.

J. A. MABBES,
J. J. McLAUGHLIN,
JUDGE J. M. DAVIS,
J. R. DAVEY.

Adopted.

A subscription was taken and the amount paid in was \$79.37.

Adjourned.

W. D. FARLEY, *Secretary.*

Board of Examiners.

Chairman — L. E. LOVEJOY.

Secretary — CHARLES NEASE.

Registrar and Treasurer — W. L. LAUFMAN.

A. F. NAGLER,
T. H. M. COGHLAN,
W. H. B. URCH,
L. E. LENNOX,
R. A. WRIGHT,
E. A. ARMSTRONG,
W. P. FRENCH,

J. R. WOOTON,
M. L. FOX,
W. A. FRYE,
W. M. PUFFER,
W. H. PHELPS,
THOMAS COX,
J. F. PESCHMAN.

Rules Governing Examinations.

1. Four examinations shall be held during the year; viz., on the second Tuesday of December, April, and August, and on the Tuesday preceding the opening session of the annual Conference. No examinations will be granted at other times than the dates specified for regular examinations. *All "conditions" should be made up at the December examination.*

2. Sermons and essays *should not be signed*, and should be submitted at the times indicated in the "Plan of Examinations," or sent to the Registrar within ten days thereafter, for which candidates shall be given receipts.

3. All *syllabi shall be signed*, and sent direct to the Registrar at the times indicated, for which he will forward receipts immediately upon acceptance.

4. All *examination papers* shall be written in the presence of a member of the Board of Examiners, and *shall not be signed*. The examiner before whom the work is done shall certify to the same by use of the blank furnished him by the Registrar, shall give receipts to the candidates for their papers, and forward the papers immediately to the Registrar.

5. All examination papers shall be written upon light-weight paper, furnished by the examiner at each examination. The paper shall be letter size, written upon one side only.

6. All papers, sermons, essays, etc., shall be the property of examiners, but may be returned if postage and request accompany the same.

7. All *credits* for work done in institutions of learning shall be forwarded to the Registrar not later than the August examination.

8. By order of the Conference, each candidate shall pay an annual fee of one dollar at the time of the first examination of the year.

9. According to the ruling of the Bishops, no candidate can be received on trial, or elected to orders while "conditioned" on any of his studies, nor can he be examined in advance of the class in which he is placed by the Conference.

10. All candidates for admission on trial or for full membership shall meet the Board on the evening of the first day of Conference.

11. Examination for local orders will be held on the second day of Conference at 2 o'clock P. M.

12. Each examiner shall prepare and send to the chairman a list of questions on each subject assigned to him, that it may be in the hands of the chairman for printing, at least one month before the date of the first examination.

13. The Registrar, on receipt of the examination papers, shall forward them to the proper examiner, accompanied by a number corresponding with the candidate's name on his roll.

14. Examiners will grade papers on the scale of 100, and forward such grades to the Registrar, to be reported by him to the Conference.

15. All who have taken any examinations during the year are requested to meet the Registrar at 4 P. M. on the first day of Conference, to receive their standings on the Registrar's book.

16. The requirements of a syllabus are: First, that it be plainly written, typewritten, if possible; second, that it state briefly and connectedly, in the writer's own language, the substance of the topic or chapter assigned; and third, that it shall be accompanied by a written statement that the candidate has carefully and thoroughly read the entire book.

Plan of Examinations.

TRAVELING PREACHERS—ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

English Branches	Thomas Cox.
<i>To Be Read.</i>	
The Tongue of Fire	E. A. Armstrong.
Syllabus on Chapter VIII.	

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Larger Catechism	J. R. Wooton.
Doctrinal Aspects	A. F. Nagler.
Christian Perfection	W. H. Phelps.
Life of Wesley	L. E. Lennox.
Essay	W. M. Puffer.

To Be Read.

The Revival and the Pastor	W. L. Laufman.
Syllabus on entire book not to exceed 20 pages.	
Selections from Wesley	T. H. M. Coghlan.
Syllabus on "Address to the Clergy."	

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

Smaller Scripture History	W. H. B. Urch.
History of M. E. Church (Vol. I.)	M. L. Fox.
American History	J. R. Wooton.
Written Sermon	A. F. Nagler.

To Be Read.

Discipline	J. F. Peschman.
Syllabus on Part I, Chapter IV.	
History of English People	Charles Nease.
Syllabus on Chapter VIII.	

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATION.

English and American Literature	E. A. Armstrong.
---	------------------

STUDIES OF THE FIRST YEAR.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

Harman's Introduction	W. P. French.
---------------------------------	---------------

To Be Read.

Wesley's Sermons	L. E. Lennox.
Syllabi on Sermons 15, 19, 21, 22, 23.	

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Systematic Theology (Vol. I)	W. M. Puffer.
Christian Purity	Charles Nease.
Discipline (Parts I-V)	J. F. Peschman.
Written Sermon	W. A. Frye.

To Be Read.

History of M. E. Church (Vol. II.)	M. L. Fox.
Syllabus on pages 150-236.	
Asbury's Journal	T. H. M. Coghlan.
Syllabus on first 50 pages.	
The Governing Conference	Thomas Cox.
Syllabi on Chapters XI and XIII.	
History of the Ritual	E. A. Armstrong.
Syllabi on Chapters VIII-XII.	

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

Preparation and Delivery of Sermons	W. A. Frye.
Principles of Rhetoric	L. E. Lennox.

To Be Read.

Christian Science	W. H. B. Urch.
Syllabus on Part II.	
Problems of Religious Progress	R. A. Wright.
Syllabus on first 25 pages.	
Ecclesiastical Architecture	W. H. Phelps.
Syllabi on Chapters I and X.	
From the Himalayas to the Equator	J. R. Wooton.
Syllabus on Chapter X.	

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATION.

To Be Read.

Methodist Review	L. E. Lovejoy.
Syllabus on the most helpful article of the year.	

STUDIES OF THE SECOND YEAR.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

Harman's Introduction W. P. French.

To Be Read.

Wesley's Sermons L. E. Lennox.

Syllabi on Sermons 38, 40, 43, 50, 53.

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Systematic Theology W. M. Puffer.

Preparation and Delivery of Sermons W. A. Frye.

Discipline (Part VI to End) J. F. Peschman.

Essay W. H. B. Urch.

To Be Read.

History of the M. E. Church (Vol. III) M. L. Fox.

Syllabi on Chapters IV, V, XIV, and XV.

Introduction to New Testament W. P. French.

Syllabus on "The Acts of the Apostles."

Future Retribution Charles Nease.

Syllabus on Chapter VIII.

Digest of Methodist Law L. E. Lennox.

Syllabi, Chapter I, (pages 11-29; Chapter

IV (pages 74-94); Chapter VI (pages
237-259).

General Conference and Episcopacy Thomas Cox.

Syllabus on Chapter II.

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

Lessons in Logic T. H. M. Coghlan.

Questions on Methodism R. A. Wright.

Outlines of Universal History A. F. Nagler.

To Be Read.

History of Methodism (Vol. I) A. F. Nagler.

Syllabus on Book III, Chapter IV.

Christian Archæology R. A. Wright.

Syllabus on Book II, Chapters IV, V, VI.

The Modern Sunday School W. H. B. Urch.

Syllabus on Chapter III.

Asbury's Journal T. H. M. Coghlan.

Syllabus on last 50 pages.

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATION.

To Be Read.

Methodist Review W. H. Phelps.

Syllabus on any article of the year.

STUDIES OF THE THIRD YEAR.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

Biblical Hermeneutics E. A. Armstrong.

To Be Read.

Introduction to Political Economy . . . W. H. Phelps.
Syllabus on Part IV, Distribution.

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Exegetical Studies W. H. Phelps.
Extemporaneous Oratory W. A. Frye.
Descriptive Psychology T. H. M. Coghlan.
Written Sermon Charles Nease.

To Be Read.

History of the M. E. Church (Vol IV) . . . M. L. Fox.
Syllabi, Book V. Chapters XIX, XX;
Book VI, VIII-XI.
The Supernatural Book R. A. Wright.
Syllabus, on pages 248-277.
Historic Episcopate Thomas Cox.
Syllabus on Chapters II and III.

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

History of the Christian Church (Vol. I) . . . M. L. Fox.
The Land of Israel J. R. Wooton.

To Be Read.

Hymn Studies W. P. French.
Syllabi on Hymns 610-683.
Asbury's Journal (Vol III) T. H. M. Coghlan.
Syllabus on last 50 pages.
History of Methodism (Vol. II) A. F. Nagler.
Syllabus on Book V, Chapter VI.

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATION.

To Be Read.

Methodist Review W. H. Phelps.
Syllabus on any article of the year.

STUDIES OF THE FOURTH YEAR.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

Foundations of Christian Faith E. A. Armstrong.

To Be Read.

Supplementary History of Am. Methodism . . . A. F. Nagler.
Syllabus on Chapter XIX.

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Exegetical Studies	W. H. Phelps.
Christian Ethics	Charles Nease.
Essay	L. E. Lovejoy.

To Be Read.

History of Methodism (Vol. III)	A. F. Nagler.
Syllabus on Chapter IX.	
Butler's Analogy	W. P. French.
Syllabus on Chapter I, Book II.	
The Son of Man	W. M. Puffer.
Syllabus on Chapter IX.	
Foreign Missions	J. R. Wooton.
Syllabus on Chapter IX.	

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

Introduction to Sociology	W. H. Phelps.
History of Christian Church (Vol. II)	M. L. Fox.

To Be Read.

Life and Epistles of St. Paul	W. A. Frye.
Syllabi on Chapters I, VIII, and X.	
History of Rationalism	W. L. Laufman.
Syllabus on the most stimulating chapter in the opinion of the candidate.	

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATION.

To Be Read.

Methodist Review	L. E. Lovejoy.
Syllabus on any article of the year.	

Local Preachers.

STUDIES OF THE FIRST YEAR

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

Outlines of Bible History	W. H. B. Urch.
-------------------------------------	----------------

To Be Read.

Hints to Self-Educated Ministers	J. R. Wooton.
Syllabus on Chapter V.	
Discipline	J. F. Peschman.
Syllabus on Part I, Chapter IV.	

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Theological Compend	W. M. Puffer.
Christian Baptism	L. E. Lennox.

To Be Read.

Life of Wesley	L. E. Lennox.
Syllabi, Chapters VI, VII, VIII, IX, XII, XIII, XVII.	
The Tongue of Fire	E. A. Armstrong.
Syllabus on Chapter VIII.	

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

Primer of Psychology	W. L. Laufman.
Questions on Methodism	R. A. Wright.

To Be Read.

The Revival and the Pastor	W. L. Laufman.
Syllabus on entire book, not to exceed 20 pages.	

STUDIES OF THE SECOND YEAR.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

Short History of the Christian Church	Charles Nease.
---	----------------

To Be Read.

Lectures on Preaching	W. A. Frye.
Syllabi on Chapters I, VIII, and X.	

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Systematic Theology	R. A. Wright.
Discipline (Parts I-V)	J. F. Peschman.
Essay	W. H. Phelps.

To Be Read.

How to Study the Bible	W. P. French.
Syllabus on Chapter VIII.	

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

History of Methodism (Abridged)	W. H. B. Urch.
---	----------------

To Be Read.

English and American Literature	E. A. Armstrong.
Syllabus.	

STUDIES OF THE THIRD YEAR.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

Short History of the Christian Church	Charles Nease.
---	----------------

To Be Read.

Life of St. Paul	Charles Nease.
Syllabus on Chapter VI.	

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Systematic Theology	R. A. Wright.
Christian Perfection	W. H. Phelps.
Doctrinal Aspects	A. F. Nagler.

To Be Read.

Living Thoughts of Wesley	J. R. Wooton.
Syllabus on pages 347-366.	

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

Discipline (Parts VI to End)	J. F. Peschman.
Essentials of Argumentation	J. F. Peschman.
Written Sermon	J. R. Wooton.

To Be Read.

Life of Alfred Cookman	R. A. Wright.
Syllabus.	

STUDIES OF THE FOURTH YEAR.

DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

Introduction to Gospel Records	W. P. French.
--	---------------

To Be Read.

The Christian Life	M. L. Fox.
Syllabus, pages 133-299.	

APRIL EXAMINATION.

Systematic Theology	R. A. Wright.
Digest of Methodist Law	L. E. Lennox.

To Be Read.

The Life of Durbin	W. M. Puffer.
Syllabus on Chapter XIX.	

AUGUST EXAMINATION.

Sermon or Essay	Thomas Cox.
---------------------------	-------------

To Be Read.

Love Enthroned	W. H. B. Urch.
Syllabus on Chapter V.	

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATION.

Review of preceding years.

Committee of Examination on Review Work.—A. F. Nagler, Charles Nease, and Thomas Cox.

EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD DURING THE YEAR AS FOLLOWS:—

- Albion*.—December 8, April 12, August 9; W. H. B. Urch, examiner.
St. Joseph.—December 8, April 12, August 9; W. A. Frye, examiner.
Lansing.—December 8, April 12, August 9; W. P. French, examiner.
Grand Rapids.—December 8, April 12, August 9; Thomas Cox, examiner.
Ionia.—December 8, April 12, August 9; M. L. Fox, examiner.
Cadillac.—December 8, E. A. Armstrong, examiner.
Clare.—April 12; E. A. Armstrong, examiner.
Reed City.—August 9; E. A. Armstrong, examiner.
Traverse City.—December 8, April 12, August 9; W. L. Laufman, examiner.
Petoskey.—December 8, April 12, August 9; A. F. Nagler, examiner.
Manistee.—December 8, April 12; W. H. Phelps, examiner.
Ludington.—April 12, August 9; T. H. M. Coghlan, examiner.
Three Rivers.—December 8, April 12, August 9; R. A. Wright, examiner.
Crystal Springs.—First day of Camp Meeting; L. E. Lennox, examiner.
-

The Best Tonic

When you are all tired out, feel weak, sleep does not rest and the digestion and appetite are poor, there is no remedy so effective as **Horsford's Acid Phosphate**.

It is a scientific and carefully prepared preparation that supplies to the system the tonic and nerve food needed to improve the general health. Insist on having

Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

If your druggist can't supply you we will send small bottle, prepaid, on receipt of 25 cents.

Rumford Chemical Works, - Providence, R. I.

Additions and Corrections.

On page 456 after the name of D. F. Barnes read "*First year.*"

W. L. Langrell has been transferred from North Minnesota Conference and stationed at Bloomingdale.

The appointment of C. E. Hoag is changed from Jonesville to Alma.

The address of J. W. Davids is Kalamazoo.

Our advertisers have generously patronized us. Let us make them realize that it pays. Say you saw it in "*Michigan Conference Minutes.*"

SECRETARY.

INDEX.

	PAGE.		PAGE.
ALBION COLLEGE:		Mrs. Noah Fassett.....	521
President's Report	478	L. J. Griffin.....	506
Trustees Elected	414	S. L. Hamilton	509
Appointments	452-456	Mrs. N. D. Marsh.....	518
Boards, Conference	412	Levi Master	512
COMMITTEE REPORTS:		B. W. Smith	511
Auditing	465	S. S. Steele	516
Bible Cause	465	I. W. Wallace	508
Biographical	482	James Webster	507
Book Concern Accounts.....	465	Mrs. J. M. Reid.....	523
Church Extension	466	Mrs. I. H. Skinner.....	521
Conference Claimants	467	Mrs. Caroline L. Woodard....	522
District Conference Records....	467	Memorial Service	432
Education	467	Missionary Appropriations.....	463
Epworth League	469	Officers, Conference.....	410
Federation of Evangelical		Ordination, Certificate of.....	447
Churches	473	Ordination Service.....	447
Freedmen's Aid, etc	470	PRESIDING ELDERS, REPORTS OF:	
Periodicals	471	Albion District	486
Sabbath Observance	471	Big Rapids District	488
State of the Church	472	Grand Rapids District.....	490
Sunday School and Tracts....	473	Grand Traverse District	494
Temperance	475	Kalamazoo District	497
Conference Claimants' Endow-		Lansing District.....	501
ment Fund	476	Niles District	503
Conference Committees.....	411	Probationers	423
Conference Roll.....	420-423	Resolutions	484
Deaconess Home	480	Rules of Conference	426
Deceased Members	416-419	Rules of Order	425
Disciplinary Questions	448-451	Sessions of Conference	415
District Missionary Secretaries....	414	Societies, Conference.....	413
Examinations, Plan of.....	556-563	STATISTICS:	
Examinations, Rules Governing..	555	Albion District	528-530
Examiners, Board of	555	Big Rapids District	531-533
General Conference, Delegates to	414	Grand Rapids District	534-536
Journal	427-446	Grand Traverse District ...	537-539
Lay Electoral Conference. Pro-		Kalamazoo District	540-542
ceedings of.....	551-554	Lansing District	543-545
MEMOIRS:		Niles District	546-548
Mrs. D. O. Ball	517	Statistics, Recapitulation ...	549-550
Mrs. George Bignell.....	519	Supplies	423
Mrs. B. F. Doughty.....	524	Steward's Report	459-462
Mrs. J. P. Durham.....	525	Trustees, Treasurer's Report....	457

THE DETROIT DEPOSITORY OF THE **Methodist Book Concern**

J. E. MASON, MANAGER.

21 Adams Avenue, East, Detroit.

We Keep All the Publications of the Book Concern

and furnish at the same prices as at the main office, saving you several days in time, and a considerable amount in express charges.



Express Charges Paid

We are willing to pay one half of the express charges on packages ordered by brethren who are located two hundred miles or more from Detroit, provided our attention is called to it when order is sent in. We want all the Michigan preachers to look to Detroit Depository for their supplies.

Books of Other Publishers

We can supply the books of other publishers at a liberal discount from regular prices, and solicit orders for any book wanted.



Sunday School Libraries

We are prepared to fill orders for Sunday School Libraries, and will send out on approval, if desired, double the number of books intended to be kept. A very liberal discount allowed on these.

Eaton & Mains,

21 ADAMS AVENUE, EAST.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

The **Michigan Children's Home Society** **ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN.**



Good homes found for Orphan and Friendless Children. The work is supported by voluntary gifts and membership fees. Children's Free Hospital in connection. If you know of some poor little sufferer who needs special treatment and who on account of poverty is not receiving it, notify us and we will be glad to receive and minister to such.

Address, DR. AMOS BARLOW,
SEC'Y AND SUPERINTENDENT.

HON. WASHINGTON GARDNER, PREST.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

JOHN F. GOUCHER, PRESIDENT.

Offers elective courses in

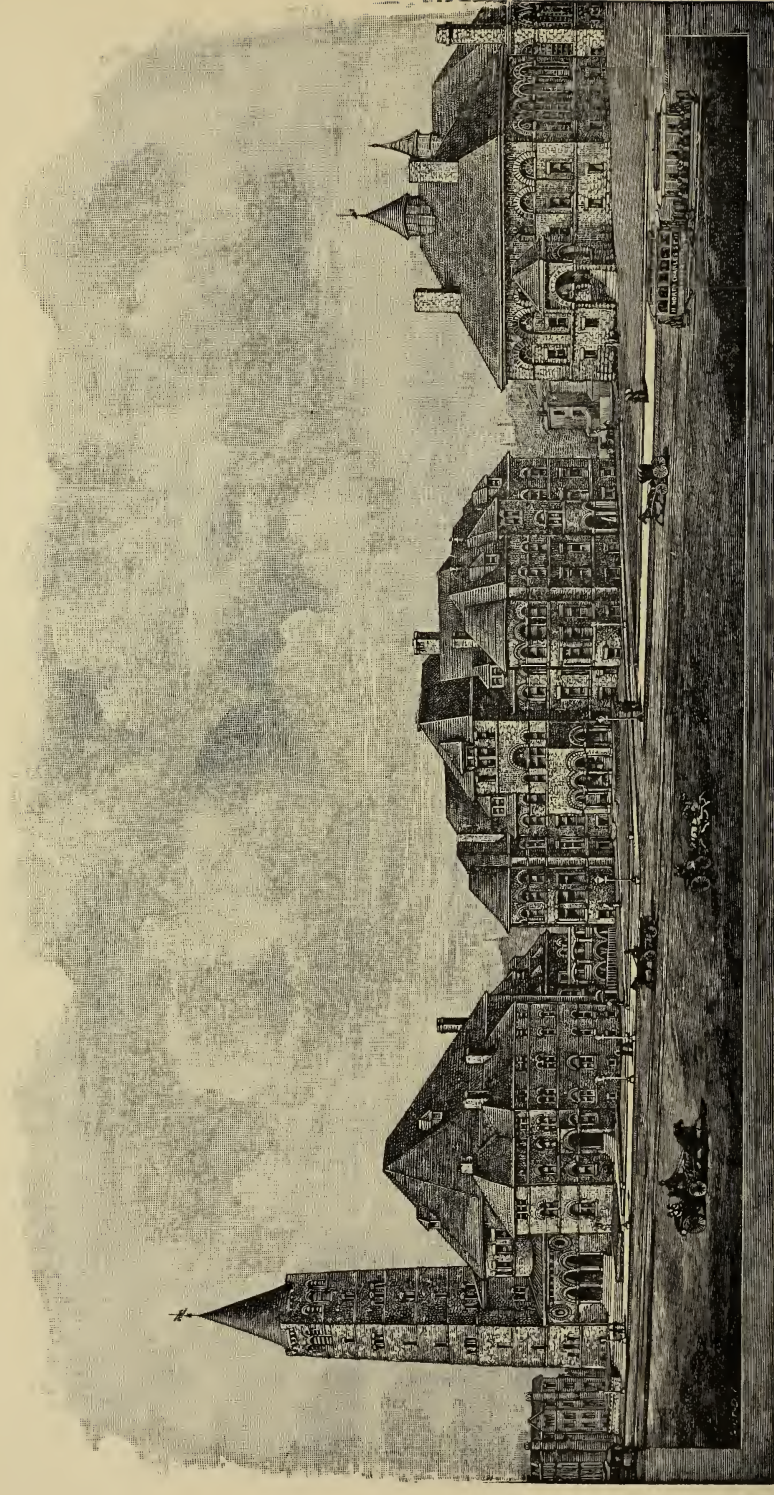
LATIN, GREEK, FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, SPANISH, ENGLISH LITERATURE, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY, HISTORY, ECONOMICS, SOCIOLOGY, ENGLISH BIBLE. CAREFUL ATTENTION GIVEN TO PHYSICAL TRAINING. EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR ART AND MUSIC. EVERY DEPARTMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A SPECIALIST.

The instruction and administration halls are elegant, commodious and convenient. Three homes, planned with strict regard to cheerfulness, comfort and health, and conducted upon the principles of a Christian family. Location high, open and healthful. Large Public Libraries and museums accessible. Costs moderate.

FOR PROGRAMS AND APPLICATION BLANKS

ADDRESS

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE, MD.



FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

GOUCHER HALL.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF CAMPUS.

BENNETT HALL.

Albion College

AN INSTITUTION UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FULL & VARIED COLLEGE COURSES

A COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
A PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT
A Well Equipped CONSERVATORY
of MUSIC
A BUSINESS DEPARTMENT
A SCHOOL OF ORATORY
A SCHOOL OF PAINTING
A SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGY

The College is equipped with an excellent Chemical Laboratory, an Astronomical Observatory, a Biological Laboratory, a Gymnasium, an Athletic Field, a splendid Library.

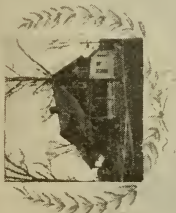
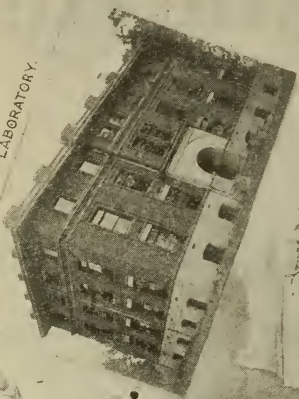
In the College of Liberal Arts, all courses lead to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.



FOR YEAR BOOK, Address

SAMUEL DICKIE, President

MS MILLAN LABORATORY



Albion College.



OBSERVATORY



GYMNASIUM



CHAPEL CONSERVATORY

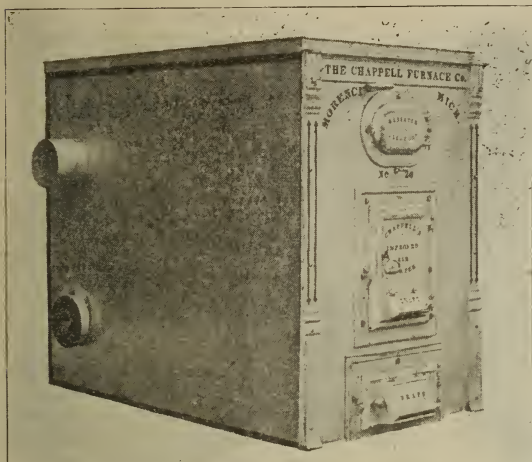
MIDDLE BUILDING

NORTH BUILDING

For Catalogue, Address President Samuel Dickie, Albion, Michigan

Heat
your home
with a

Chappell Furnace



LOW DOWN,
ALL CAST,
LONG FIRE TRAVEL,
SEAMLESS RADIATORS,
HEAVIEST,
MOST DURABLE AND
ECONOMICAL
FURNACE ON THE
MARKET.

*Our Catalogue for the
Asking.*

The Chappell Furnace Co., Morenci, Michigan.

A New Wool Rug

Manufactured in an OLD METHODIST CHURCH.

Reversible and built for hard service. Cost about one-half what pattern rugs sell for. Beautiful colors woven "hit and miss" all sizes, 6 x 9, \$7.50; 7½ x 10½, \$11.75; 9 x 12, \$15.00. Freight paid on receipt of price. Money back if not pleased. They please that's all. You'll want more. Sole manufacturers.

Sanitary Rugs from Old Carpets

Our process makes them. 20 largest looms in U. S.
Booklet free. Write today.

PETOSKEY RUG MFG. & CARPET CO., Ltd.

Old M. E. Church Bldg. PETOSKEY, MICH.

Write any Methodist in Petoskey about us. Factories at Petoskey and Soo.

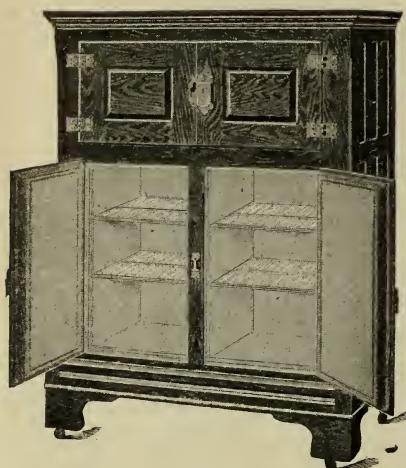
The Alaska Refrigerator Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF

Alaska

Refrigerators

ZINC, TILE, OPALITE, WHITE-ENAMELED
REFRIGERATORS



“ Alaska Quality ”

represents the Standard of Excellence in Construction, Workmanship, Durability, Cooling and Ice-saving Qualities, the result of over twenty-five years experience in the manufacture of refrigerators. Large illustrated catalogue mailed upon application

The Alaska Refrigerator Co., Muskegon, Mich.

The Treatment that Cures!

**How the Dr. Lyon Home Treatment for Catarrh Restores
Perfect Health to Sufferers.**

It reaches, soothes and heals every part of the mucous membrane. Corrects all irregularities of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Bowels and Bladder. Makes new blood and builds up the Nervous System. It consists of two separate treatments, composed of pure botanical products that never fail to cure Indigestion, Constipation, Bilious or Sick Headache, and all Liver, Kidney and Bladder troubles, when used as directed. A full month's treatment of these remedies are for sale by druggists for \$1.00. If you are a sufferer, write us for *free* information, how to be cured at home, and save doctors' bills.

Dr. Lyon Medicine Co., Coldwater, Michigan.

P. S. A package will be mailed *free* to any minister sending request for one.

Three Generations of Grocers

have sold DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER, also his delicious flavoring extracts. As a practical scientific manufacturer of pure goods Dr. Price stands at the head of the list. His recent invention is the product of many years devoted to pure food science and the formula of the new food represents 40 years of effort.



DR. PRICE'S WHEAT FLAKE CELERY FOOD

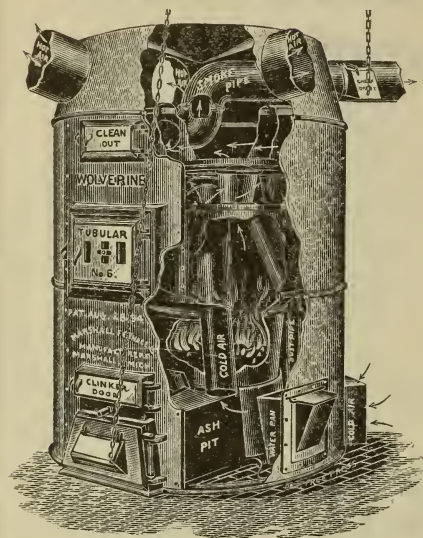
owing to its scientific preparation and delicious taste is winning its way, and like his two other products, will soon be at the top. Grocers all over the land are sending in "repeat orders." Evidence of merit.



PREPARED BY

Price Cereal Food Co.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Marshall Furnace Company



Manufacturers of

WOLVERINE

Strictly High Grade Furnaces

:: for ::

**CHURCHES, RESIDENCES AND
SCHOOLS**

Estimates and plans furnished free
for work set in any part of
the country.

**Wood Mantels, Grates
and Tiles**

Full Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Send for 100 page Full Illustrated
Catalogue to

Marshall Furnace Co., Marshall Ave. & Exchange St., Marshall, Mich.

Methodist Mutual Fire Insurance

AS ORDERED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Fire, Lightning, Tornado.

For Methodist Churches and Ministers, under
Direction of THE BOARD OF INSURANCE,
Incorporated as

**The National Mutual Church
Insurance Co., of Chicago, Illinois.**

Churches, Parsonages, School and the Prop-
erty of our Ministers. Do not wait for present
insurance to expire. If now insured date your
application ahead.

Board of Insurance.

J. B. Hobbs	Rev. J. D. Chavis, D. D.
J. R. Lindgren	Rev. E. L. Gilliam, D. D.
G. B. Johnson	Rev. T. McK. Stuart, D. D.
N. W. Harris	Rev. Frank L. Hart, D. D.
H. P. Magill	Hon. S. E. Wilson
Costello Lippitt	E. L. Barnes
Hon. C. P. McClelland	Prof. H. L. Billups
Rev. M. R. Webster, D. D.	W. F. Filter
Rev. I. L. Thomas, D. D.	Rev. E. H. Randall, D. D.
F. H. Tanner	

Insurance at Actual Cost.

Under an Economical and Experienced Man-
agement.

Upon the Easiest Possible Terms of Payment
and Absolutely Safe.

Business Confined to the Choicest Risks in
the Country.

Having nothing of *moral hazard*, and without
the uncertainties attending a miscellaneous
business.

No Assessments Premiums in
annual installments
instead of in advance for a term of years.
Profits divided *pro rata* each year.

Board of Directors

J. B. Hobbs	Rev. A. M. Gould, D. D.
Rev. H. C. Jennings, D. D.	Chas. E. Mueller
N. W. Harris	Rev. F. L. Hart, D. D.
Hon. H. H. C. Miller	Rev. P. H. Swift, D. D.
John R. Lindgren	Wilbur F. Barclay
G. B. Johnson	Rev. J. F. Berry, D. D.
Rev. N. E. Simonson, D. D.	Henry P. Magill

Write Manager for terms and do not longer support
stock companies.

J. B. HOBBS, PRESIDENT.

REV. H. C. JENNINGS, VICE PRES'T.

J. R. LINDGREN, TREASURER.

HENRY P. MAGILL, Sec'y and Mgr., 57 Washington Street, CHICAGO, ILL.

Acme Chair Co.

Reading, Mich.

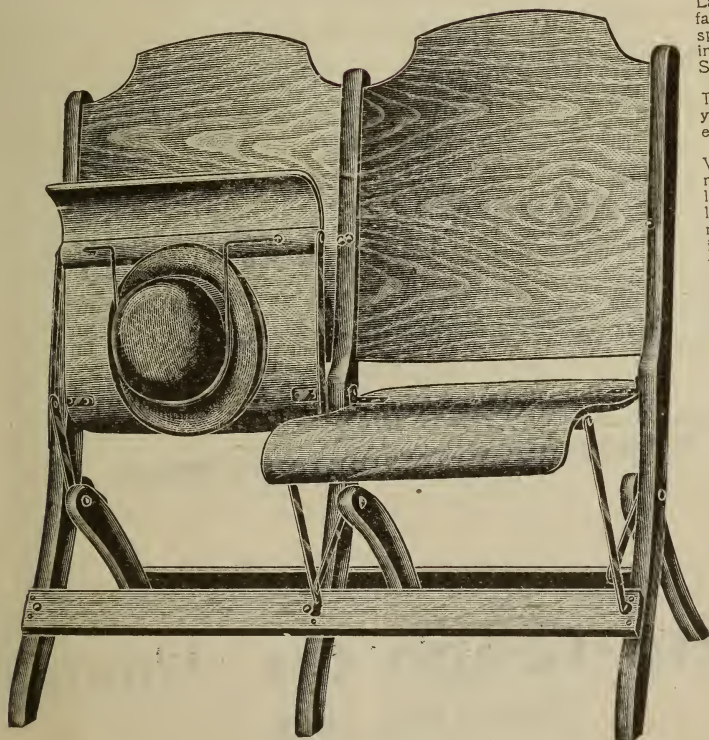
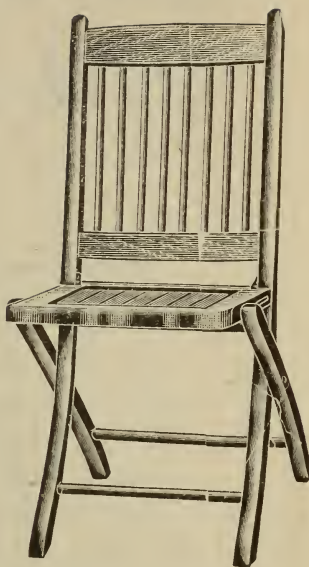


MANUFACTURERS OF

Folding Chairs

FOR SEATING

Churches, Sabbath School
Rooms, Assembly Halls,
Club Rooms, Etc.



Largest manu-
facturers of this
special seating
in the United
States.

Twenty-five
years'
experience.

We show the
most complete
line and the
largest assort-
ment to be found
in any part of
the country.

**Prices
Reasonable**

**Prompt
Attention to
Orders and
Inquiries**

Catalogue for
the asking.

Please mention
Michigan Con-
ference Minutes
when making
inquiry.

**ACME
CHAIR CO.**

C. D.
Schermhorn,
Proprietor.

Fight the Devil

with **Malto-Grapo**

The new non-alcoholic health beverage. People will drink something, and in this day and age when it is popular to serve your guests with some kind of a beverage, use Malto-Grapo. Malto-Grapo is a combination of pure, unfermented grape juice and the extract of barley malt, giving it the fine flavor of the fresh grape and the richness of the malt. It is the finest and most delicious non-alcoholic, non-intoxicating beverage ever placed before the people. For the sick room, or for the family and communion table, it is unsurpassed. Its beautiful wine color makes it popular for the banquet, and every time you can substitute Malto-Grapo for wine at such a time and place you are doing God's work. Some of the most prominent Methodist ministers and laymen in Michigan are members of this company. Prof. Delos Fall, of Albion College, is our chemist. If your druggist or grocer does not handle Malto-Grapo, write us.

Malto-Grapo Co., Limited
PAW PAW, MICH.

The Salvation Army

Offers investors a splendid opportunity for placing their **SPARE MONEY** in a perfectly reliable concern, earning 6% dividends. Anyone looking for a good investment with absolutely no element of risk, and yielding good interest, should investigate.

Fill in enclosed coupon and forward to Commander Booth Tucker, 120 West 14th Street, New York City.

Send for prospectus and full particulars of advertisement in

Michigan Conference Minutes.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

CHURCH : FURNISHINGS

ART STAINED AND LEADED GLASS, PULPITS AND BAPTISMAL FONTS
IN CARVED WOOD, BRASS AND MARBLE.

COMMUNION TABLES AND CHAIRS, OUTSIDE SERVICE BOARDS, HYMN
ANNUNCIATORS, COLLECTION BOXES AND PLATES, MEMORIAL AND
ENDOWMENT TABLETS—IN BRASS, BRONZE, STONE AND MARBLE.

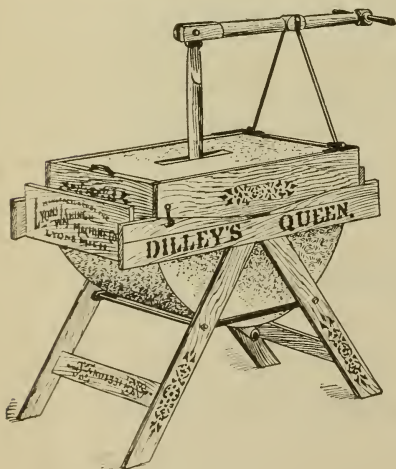
R. GEISSLER, 56 West 8th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

CHURCH PLANS

BENJAMIN D. PRICE } Architects
MAX CHARLES PRICE }
Atlantic Highlands, N. J.

Catalogue containing description and price list of a great variety of church plans free
to Ministers. To others, 20 cents.

2,800 Churches have used our **Paper Imitation of Stained Glass**. It is decorative, and obviates all
annoyance from sunlight through the plain glass. Circular and sample scraps free.



Washing, the hardest work in the house. So
why not buy the very best machine on the market.
A "Dilley Queen" Washer either open or covered,
a machine that is built upon honor, does the wash-
ing quickest, easiest and best.

Ask your dealer or write the factory
for circulars and prices.

Lyons Washing Machine Co.,

LYONS, MICH.

It is not
good form to
smack your lips-
but excusable
if you allow yourself
to be carried away by that
delicious flavor of

Stuyler's
COCOA
AND CHOCOLATE.

— ALL GROCERS. —


 The advertisement features a central image of a Waterman's Ideal fountain pen, angled diagonally from the bottom left towards the top right. The pen is dark with a silver-colored nib and clip. The words "WATERMAN'S IDEAL" are visible on the barrel. Surrounding the pen is a decorative border consisting of four globes at the corners, each with the word "Ideal" written on it. Between the globes are horizontal and vertical bars, each with "WATERMAN'S" written on it. The main headline "Enigmatical Truth." is in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, the text "Suppose You Read It." is in a similar font. To the right of the pen, there is a word puzzle where letters are arranged in a grid-like fashion, forming words like "The Ser", "Dis", "Ye o", "Re", "ly", "men, be", "itent; se with", "nywise", "ury! Waterman's 'Ideal'", "will", "sate you", "dously and at slight", "se and", "your", "dence from common", "s and", "holders, inkstands, ink-blots, cils and", "cil-ers, and so on through the", "dium.", "ding", "etrating investigation", "d no", "money, but write us NOW.", "Shar", "Com", "Fountain", "Com", "Stu", "Ex", "Ri", "Inde", "The Ser", "Dis", "Ye o", "Re", "ly", "men, be", "itent; se with", "nywise", "ury! Waterman's 'Ideal'", "will", "sate you", "dously and at slight", "se and", "your", "dence from common", "s and", "holders, inkstands, ink-blots, cils and", "cil-ers, and so on through the", "dium.", "ding", "etrating investigation", "d no", "money, but write us NOW.", "Shar", "Com".

Purchase through your home dealer, writing us when you are not served satisfactorily. L. E. Waterman Co., Main Office. 173 Broadway N. Y.

MENEELY BELL CO.

TROY, N. Y. and 177 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY

Manufacture SUPERIOR BELLS

Michigan Copper never goes back to Michigan in any better form than we send it.

20,000 CHURCHES

Lighted by the FRINK System of Patent Reflectors. Send dimensions for Estimate.

OUR experience is at your service. State whether Electric, Gas, Welsbach, Acetylene, Combination or Oil. **I. P. FRINK, 551 Pearl St. NEW YORK.**

A New and Enlarged Edition



WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY

PARENTS

will find by inquiry that in the schools their children attend, Webster's is the Dictionary by which they are trained, and that their schoolbooks conform to this same authority. Is it not best to have the same Dictionary in the home?

The constantly increasing sale of Webster's International Dictionary proves that parents are wisely following the above suggestion.

Rev. Lyman Abbott, D.D., Editor of The Outlook, says: Webster has always been the favorite in our household.

It has 2364 quarto pages with 5000 illustrations. 25,000 new words and phrases have recently been added under the supervision of W. T. Harris, Ph.D., LL.D., U. S. Commissioner of Education.

Its appendix with departments of Biography, Geography, Fiction, etc., is a packed storehouse of valuable information.

Our name is on the title-pages of all authentic Webster's dictionaries.

LET US SEND YOU FREE. "A Test in Pronunciation" which affords an instructive evening's entertainment. Also illustrated pamphlet.

G. & C. MERRIAM CO., 125 Main St., Springfield, Mass.



Dean-Hicks Printing Company

PRINTERS

ENGRAVERS

BINDERS

GRAND RAPIDS,
MICH.

The Big Rapids District Camp Meeting

For 1904 will be held from
August 4th to 14th



THE officers of the Association are already planning for a great meeting. The place is Reed City, which is at the junction of two great railroad systems — the Grand Rapids & Indiana and the Pere Marquette. The grounds are ample and beautiful, with a wonderful natural amphitheater; with every essential for a great Camp Meeting. It would seem as though God had made it for just such a purpose.

The meetings here have always been rich in spiritual instruction, profit and power.

Any one desiring a few days of rest from the cares and toils of secular life; and desiring to find that sweeter rest in Jesus, will do well to come to this great meeting.

This camp meeting stands for the salvation of men in the broadest meaning of that term; not only the conversion of the unconverted, but the greatest enlargement of the spiritual life of believers.

For information, write to any of the following
Officers of the Association

J. C. HOLDEN, President,	-	-	-	-	REED CITY
L. HARDING, Vice-President,	-	-	-	-	MORLEY
REV. W. J. HATHAWAY, Secretary,	-	-	-	-	CLARE
A. B. KNAPP, Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	BIG RAPIDS
REV. J. W. HALLENBECK, Committee on Grounds,					REED CITY
REV. N. L. BRAY, Presiding Elder,	-	-	-	-	BIG RAPIDS

Bay View Camp Meeting

Season of 1904

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO STAY AWAY
THEREFORE—YOU CAN AFFORD TO COME

Bay View stands for the rational development of the whole man. It aims to save FOLKS. It offers rest and recreation, under the best conditions—physical, social, intellectual, moral.

Some Bay View Advantages



It is Accessible from All Points by Rail or Boat

The Grand Rapids & Indiana and the Pere Marquette railroads run splendid vestibule trains right to the grounds. The great steamboat lines from Chicago, Milwaukee and the East touch at Petoskey, only a mile away.

It Has Cool, Healthful, Invigorating Summer Climate

Thousands of people flock to Northern Michigan every summer to find new life and vigor in every breath of its sweet, pure air.

Its Situation is a Dream of Beauty

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY, from whose beach the grounds rise, terrace upon terrace, is one of the most beautiful sheets of inland water in America. Once seen, the vision will abide forever.

Its Accommodations are Ample, and Sufficiently Diversified to Suit All Conditions

Elegant hotels for those who can afford them; good, moderate boarding houses for those who prefer to live more cheaply; or cottages to rent for those who desire to keep house, or if any choose the primitive style of the Fathers, TENTING GROUND will be furnished, where one can pitch his tent and live under canvas.

It has Neither Gate Fees nor Admission Fees All the GOOD THINGS Free for the taking

THE BEST PREACHERS : THE GREATEST EVANGELISTS THE FINEST SINGERS

If you want to see and hear the VERY BEST

COME TO BAY VIEW

For
particulars
address

REV. MORTON D. CARREL
Traverse City
Michigan



Preston Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit

This beautiful church has maple floors and they appeal to me as being sanitary, durable, elegant and appropriate.

E. A. ARMSTRONG.

For
Churches
Parsonages
Residences
Use
"Electric"
Hardwood
Flooring

"Electric" Hardwood Flooring

Is manufactured of Maple, Beech and Birch in a variety of selections and grades. A specialty is made of matched and end matched

Thin "Electric" Flooring

For relaying in old buildings over the original floors. (Suitable also for new buildings over sub-floors.) Besides its hygienic value, nothing at equal cost adds more to the good looks of a room than a hardwood floor.

WRITE FOR FULLER INFORMATION

Manufactured only by

COBBS & MITCHELL, INC.
CADILLAC, MICHIGAN



3 0112 105577008

The sweet toned Epworth Piano



Epworth Pianos are extra sweet toned

Do you know what makes some pianos so much sweeter toned than others? It is mostly in the sounding board.

The tendency nowadays is to cheapen this part of the piano. And so the tone of many pianos grows "thumpy" or "metallic" after awhile.

Years ago, before this cheapening process begun, the old-fashioned German method of making sounding boards prevailed. It was all hand-work—slow, painstaking and requiring great skill. There was something very sweet about the tone of those old hand-made pianos rarely found now-days.

Epworth sounding boards are made after the old slow German method—by hand—and by experts of the "old school." The result is, the Epworth tone is remarkably sweet and mellow—not only when new, but you can depend upon it lasting.

Our catalogue tells how to buy direct from factory and save middle profit. We send Epworth pianos to reliable people anywhere in the United States on trial; if piano suits you, pay for it in cash or easy payments as agreed; if not, it comes back at our expense of freight both ways. Nothing could be fairer.

Write for catalogue to-day. Mention this paper.

Do You Know These People?

Battle Creek, Michigan.

Rev. J. A. Bready, *Pastor Methodist Church.*

We have had our Epworth piano nearly three years and it is as perfect in every respect as the day we received it. It has an easy action and a rich, sweet tone, which improves with use. My daughter likes the piano better than any other she has played.

Bay City, Michigan.

Rev. W. Edmunds, *Pastor Woodside M. E. Church.*

About three and a half years ago we bought our Epworth piano and it has been satisfactory in every particular. The rich, sweet tone has been a matter of comment by all our music-loving friends who hear it. If we were going to buy again, we would surely purchase an Epworth.

Camden, Michigan.

Rev. George L. Mount, *Pastor M. E. Church.*

Nearly six years ago we purchased our Epworth piano and found it to be a real "beauty" in appearance. Its action is even and easy and its tone is powerful and sweet. I do not see how it could improve in this respect. We have moved two or three times in those six years and the instrument remains in tune remarkably well. My daughter, who has been studying at Albion, as well as her teacher, likes it very much, and I can truthfully say I have never heard a complaint from an owner of an Epworth piano or organ.

We will gladly send Catalogue and Prices if you mention this publication.

WILLIAMS ORGAN & PIANO CO.

57 Washington Street, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.